

November 30, 1963

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
H. L. McGee

Sir:

H. L. McGee was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. McCaghren at 9:00am on November 30, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. Following was added by H. L. McGee:

I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby. I do know Jack Ruby. I do not see him in the basement and I do not recall ever seeing him in City Hall. I did not know it was Jack Ruby who shot Oswald until I over heard someone in the crowd say it was Jack Ruby.

I have no idea how he got into the City Hall or into the basement.

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

P. C. McCaghren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

November 24, 1963

Mr. J. A. Gurney
Chief of Police

Subject: Location of Detective H.L.
McGee at the time of the
Lee Oswald shooting

Sir:

Prior to the transfer of Lee Oswald, Lieutenant Swain instructed me to go to the basement near the information desk to assist in the transfer of Lee Oswald in any manner that I might be needed.

I rode the main elevator from the third floor with two WDAF-TV cameramen and Detectives D.W. Swartley and D.L. Burgess. When I got off the elevator in the basement I saw a large group of cameramen and newsmen congregated in the area in front of the jail office windows. I knew that Jack Ruby was not with the two WDAF-TV cameramen when they pushed their camera up to the crowd of other newsmen.

I stationed myself in the general area in front of the information desk to await the transfer.

While I was in this area, the only person I noticed come into the building from either the Commerce Street or Harwood Street doors was Attorney Tom Howard. He came in through the Harwood Street entrance and walked up to the jail office window.

At this time Oswald was brought off the jail elevator and Tom Howard turned away from the window and went back toward the Harwood Street door. He waved at me as he went by and said, "That's all I wanted to see."

Shortly after that I heard a shot and someone said, "Oh". I did not see the shooting.

At that time I went to the vehicle ramp and helped Lieutenant Swain hold back the crowd.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. McGee

H. L. McGee
Detective
Burglary and Theft Bureau

To my knowledge, I had never seen nor met the subject Ruby before I saw him with the gun in his hand at the time of the shooting of Oswald.

Respectfully,

Ben C. McCoy
Ben C. McCoy
Lieutenant
Dallas Police Reserve

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On several occasions, and from time to time, I observed men in plain clothes coming down the ramps and going into the hall in front of the jail. I assumed that these were press personnel and I did not take any special note, because of the regular officers that were supposed to check everyone out at the top of the ramps.

Much shuffling of cars took place in the parking area. I observed the paddy wagon come down the north ramp with Patrolman Lewis driving. I saw Sgt. Deen stop him and search the back of the wagon and then permit Lewis to go on into the parking area.

I observed squad cars being lined up in the north and south sides of the basement parking area. I observed Sgt. Steele and Reserve Patrolman J. H. Harrison leave the basement area in a squad car and drive out the South Ramp.

I then observed Chief Batchelor get into his car and leave by the South Ramp. I then observed the Armored car being backed into the South Ramp. Some men in plain clothes got into the back, a bottle fell out, and I saw one of the men in plain clothes picking up the glass from the ramp. I observed Sgt. Deen get into the Armored car and then come out. About this time, two men came into the outer jail hall and told the press personnel that they should stand along the north wall of the jail hall and along the east railing of the ramp, so they would all be able to get pictures without landing up.

Two plain cars were brought out of the parking area and parked on the ramp headed south. I assisted in getting the cars through the crowd that was blocking the entrance to the parking area. I then moved several people who I assumed were press people away from the west wall of the south ramp over to the east side, and then stood by the west wall approximately one foot south of the jail hall. I heard a commotion and glanced to my left; I saw two plainclothesmen with a run between them coming toward the ramp; I looked back to my front and right to see what the press people were doing, and I heard what I thought was a flashbulb exploding. I looked back to my left and saw a man with a gun pointed at the midsection of the man the two plainclothesmen had between them.

I immediately jumped on the man, along with Reserve Captain Arnett and Reserve Sgt. E. H. Croy, and several other men. When the run was subdued, I heard some shout, "No One Out! No One Out!" I joined hands with Reserve Patrolman J. D. Freckman and kept the people from going into the jail hall. Captain Arnett and Reserve Sgt. Croy joined us.

We stayed in this position until the O'Hara ambulance came and they took Oswald off to the hospital. A man in plain clothes then came out and told the press people that they would be admitted to the building proper by press card. He then went inside the building to the assembly room to be assigned where needed.

Several men were sent to various locations to seal off the building entrances and several were sent to work traffic around the city hall. We were moved from the assembly room so the press could use it and set up our C. P. on the second floor in the Planning Commission room.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Conroy
Chief of Police

Sir:

I arrived at the City Hall, Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, at approximately 9:25 A. M. I went to the Police Assembly Room in the basement and reported in to Lt. B. C. Morrell, and asked him where Captain Arnett was. Lt. Morrell informed me that Captain Arnett and all of the Reserves who had been there were taken into the basement parking area by Sgt. P. T. Deen to search it.

I then went to the basement parking area and reported to Captain Arnett who was standing about 15 feet behind two television cameras that were set up in the first two parking stalls, facing the entrance into the jail hallway. Reserve Officer G. E. Worley was standing beside Captain Arnett. I observed Reserve Lt. D. T. Suits standing at the bottom of the ramp, leading into the parking area. I also noticed Reserve Patrolman W. J. McMan standing at the extreme south end of the parking area. A radio patrol officer was standing in front of the elevators that are on the center east side of the parking area. I asked Captain Arnett what the situation was, and he told me that they had just finished searching the basement under the direction of Sgt. P. T. Deen, and they had been instructed to stay in the basement area and keep people out of the parking area.

Captain Tolbot came by and asked if the air conditioning vents had been checked and Sgt. J. E. Hopkins (Reserve) walked up at this time and said that he had just finished checking them. I stayed with Captain Arnett to help in coordinating the assignments requested of the Reserves.

Two conferences were held by the regular officers in the parking area, but we were not asked to listen in or not told what was going on. After these conferences, the regular officers left the basement area with shotguns.

Sgt. Deen requested that we send a man to Commerce and Pearl to work the traffic as a signal light was stuck at this location. I sent Patrolman G. E. Worley to work this.

A request was made that we send men to the south ramp entrance to move the crowd that had gathered there across the street to the south sidewalk and hold them there. I made several trips to and from the assembly room to get Reserves as they reported in to Lt. Morrell to help handle this crowd. I sent Reserve Sgt. Hopkins up to the Commerce Street side to supervise the operation and to keep me informed of the situation there. A request was made that a Reserve Officer be placed in the hall in front of the jail office window to help the regular officer there check people out. Reserve Officer A. B. Craig was assigned to this location.

November 30, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Dear Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Lieutenant Ben C. McCoy, 907

On November 30, 1963 Reserve Officer, Lieutenant Ben C. McCoy, was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

McCoy stated, after reading his original report, that there was nothing of significance which he could add.

Lieutenant McCoy further states that he has not been contacted by any federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Cornwall
F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Jack Revill
Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:15 A. M.
2. I reported to Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to the north side of Commerce Street at exit of ramp (South).
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
Reserves Wayne Harrison and Arthur Capps.
5. Did you know Rub? No.
6. When and under what circumstances did you see Ruby?

Did not see him at all.

Signed:

J. C. McCain
J. C. McCain

December 1, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Sergeant James C. McCain, 099

On December 1, 1963 Reserve Officer, Sergeant James C. McCain was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

McCain stated, after reading his original report, that there was nothing of significance which he could add.

Sergeant McCain further stated that at this time he has not been contacted by any federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Cornwall
F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Jack Revill
Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. L. Gentry
Chief of Police

Subject: J. Lee Ruby

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was assigned by Chief of Police to the Sheriff's Jail of the Sheriff's Office. I was following him and was assigned to go.

I did not know that Ruby was in the area. I did not see him until he was brought in by the Sheriff's Office. I did not see him until he was brought in by the Sheriff's Office. I did not see him until he was brought in by the Sheriff's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnnie P. Newton
Police Clerk 6
Service Division

November 30, 1963

STATEMENT OF WITNESS JOHN W. F. HEATON:

I did not see the actual shooting because my view was blocked by several officers. I did not know Jack Ruby and do not recall ever having seen him before.

December 1, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Patrolman William J. Newman, 317

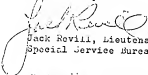
On December 1, 1963 Reserve Officer, Patrolman William J. Newman was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

Newman stated, after reading his original report, that he recalled observing an unknown white male run down the Main Street ramp into the basement of the City Hall, approximately one minute prior to the shooting of Oswald. This unknown male disappeared into the group of newsmen and police officers and was not observed by Newman again.

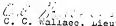
Patrolman Newman states that he observed this individual just prior to someone in the crowd announcing, "Here he comes!" Less than a minute elapsed from this time until the shooting of Oswald. Newman states that he did not know Jack Ruby.

At this time Patrolman Newman has not been contacted by any federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau



C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

City of Dallas
OFFICE TELEGRAM

To: Lt. Revill

December 6, 1963

Subject: Reserve Police Officer W.J. Newman ✓

Re: 10923 ~~Cotillion~~ RR-9-5923

Dug: 4112 S. Buckner, EV-1-7161

Sir:

SUBJECT called this date and stated that he remembered someone going over the railing at the ramp leading into the parking area of the basement the morning OSWALD was shot. He further stated that he could not remember whether it was before or after the shooting. Also that he saw the person was wearing a suit, and he saw only his back, and could not identify him.

Respectfully submitted,

R.W. Westphal
R.W. Westphal, Detective
Criminal Intelligence Section

The only reason you and I are here is to assist the people of Dallas

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STATEMENT OF POLICE RESERVE OFFICER W. J. MORGAN:

I recall someone going over the railing at the bottom of the Main Street ramp, but I have racked my brain and cannot recall whether it was before or after the shooting.

I do remember that the person had on a suit, but I do not know the color. I don't remember seeing a hat, but I can't say whether he was wearing one or not. This could have been about the time the ambulance pulled in.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. P. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:30 A. M.
2. I reported to Lt. Morrell, Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to the garage area of the basement immediately below the Commerce Street exit. My assignment was to cover the door opening into the sub-basement machinery area. I was on this assignment approximately 15 minutes after the shooting.
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
Lt. Stits, Sgt. Gray (Reserves)
5. Did you know Ruby? No.
6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?
Did not see him.

Signed:

W. J. Korman

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer
R. C. Nelson, #1652
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 at approximately 9:00 A.M., I was told to report to 511.

On arrival Lt. Pierce told me and 3 other men to report to Sgt. Dean in the basement of the City Hall. Upon reaching the basement, Sgt. Dean and Sgt. Putnam advised me to check people in both sections of the basement.

I stationed myself inside the building just West of the exit door from the jail office. I had been at this position approximately 3 minutes when a man asked if he could go to the window of the jail office to get someone out of jail. Sgt. Putnam came up and I asked him about letting people go to the jail office window. He told me to station myself by the first window of the jail office and let people use this window to contact jail office personnel.

At approximately 9:45 A.M., a reserve policeman stationed himself in the hall way on my left side. I do not know this officer's name. The reserve and I checked everyone who came by us for identification.

At approximately 10:45 A.M. I noticed a television camera on the elevator in the basement, two men were with this camera. One of the men approached me and asked if they could move the camera through my position into the parking area of the basement. I told Lt. Pierce, who was standing close by what the man wanted. Lt. Pierce talked with this man and then told me it would be all right to let them pass. The two men who were originally with the camera, pushed it by me and the reserve officer.

At approximately 11:20 A.M., I heard a shot come from the area outside the basement doors. Several reporters who were standing in front of the jail office windows started toward the double doors of the basement. I ran to the door in an effort to keep people from coming through the doors at this time. Several officers were subducing the suspect (Ruly) in front of me, someone yelled to watch for the gun. I reached for the suspect's left hand and felt for a gun. After this I returned to the area outside the jail office windows and remained there until relieved by Lt. Pierce.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald C. Nelson
Ronald C. Nelson
Patrolman, #1652
Patrol Division

RCW/ch

STATEMENT OF H. C. NELSON:

I do not know Jack Ruby.

I saw him after the shooting and I had not seen this man in the basement of the City Hall prior to the shooting.

I then joined Captain Frits, Detective L. M. Beck and G. W. Brown in their car and went with them to Parkland Memorial Hospital, 5201 Harry Hines Blvd.

Upon our arrival at the hospital I was told by Captain Frits to guard the east end of the hall of the Emergency Room. Oswald was taken to the operating room and I then moved up to the first floor main entrance to help maintain security. I was then relieved and returned to the outside entrance of the Emergency Room where I joined Captain Frits and Det. W. D. Beck, and we all three returned to the city hall to our office. I answered the telephone and stood by for further orders. At 3:25 pm on Sunday November 24, 1963 Pete. R. L. Foyd, M. G. Hall and myself were told by Captain Frits to get Ruby out of jail and bring Ruby to Captain Frits's office. We checked Ruby out of the jail and brought him to Captain Frits's office.

I then answered the telephone and stood by for further orders. I was told by Lt. Hall to interview a Bill Deffer (stage name) true name, William Delano Crowe, Jr. I interviewed this person and found him to be the master of ceremonies at the Carousel Club. The over-all content of the interview was the fact that this person was broke and that Ruby was supposed to pay him. He did also state that he thought Oswald was in the Carousel Club on November 20, 1963-Wednesday. Deffer said he could not be definite about this but he felt it was Oswald. This person was released without an affidavit taken. I then stood by for further orders and answered the telephone.

At 10:30 pm Sunday, November 24, 1963 I was told by Captain Frits to go home and return at 8:00 am November 25, 1963.

LESTER R. HARRINGTON - 1/10/67

On Sunday November 24, 1963 at 11:15 a Captain Fritz, Lt. R. A. Swain, Det. J. B. Beauville, Det. L. C. Graves and myself escorted Oswald from Captain Fritz's office to the jail elevator. Det. Beauville had been handcuffed to Oswald. Patrolman G. D. Lewis, Jr., was the elevator operator as we carried Oswald down from the 3rd floor of the city hall to the basement. When we got off of the elevator in the basement, Lt. R. A. Swain walked out in front of Captain Fritz. Det. Beauville was to Oswald's right and Det. Graves was to Oswald's left, and I was in back of Oswald about three feet as we approached the door leading from the basement jail office. Captain Fritz told us to stop, that he was going to check one more time. The captain said, "All right, come on." We walked out of the door leading from the basement jail office to the ramp where the cars come down into the basement. We had to stop approximately five feet from the driveway of the ramp because the car was not in position. When we started I saw a blur of something and heard a shot. I went around Det. Graves and grabbed Jack Ruby by the hand. At the time I grabbed Ruby by the hand he was being held by L. F. Harrison, P. D. McMillon, R. L. Lavery and W. J. Hatchel. We forced Ruby to the ground and a check was made for the weapon. We then moved Ruby into the basement jail office and put him back on the floor being held down by the same officers. While being held down on the floor of the basement jail office, Ruby said, "I hope I killed the son-of-a-bitch." I asked Chief Hatchel if we had better get Ruby on the elevator and get him up into the jail. Chief Hatchel said yes, and Ruby was taken to the elevator. I then went to where Oswald was lying on the jail office floor. A doctor was applying artificial respiration. The ambulance people arrived and loaded Oswald on the cot, and I went with the cot to the ambulance.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J.E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Shooting of Harvey Oswald

Sir:

On Sunday November 24, 1963 when prisoner Harvey Oswald was being brought from the jail into the basement I was standing on the east side of the door to the jail office. Detective Cutchshaw was on the west side of the door and Detective McMillan was standing next to me.

I saw the movement of a person coming across the ramp from the east of me and heard a shot at about the same time. This person was hit from behind and propelled in my direction. I grabbed him around the neck and helped to take him into the jail office. When I first made contact with this person he still had a pistol in his hand.

I did not know this person and to my knowledge had never seen him before.

Respectfully Submitted

Louis D. Miller
Louis D. Miller 1236
Detective
Criminal Investigation Division

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November 30, 1963

J. R. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
L. D. Miller

Sir:

L. D. Miller was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. C. McCaghren at 9:15 am on November 30, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was added by L. D. Miller:

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding this incident, and have no knowledge how this person got into the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

P. C. McCaghren
P. C. McCaghren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

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Mr. J. S. Curry
Chief of Police

Date: 11-26-63

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 7:45 AM.
2. I reported to (person and place). Assembly Room
3. I was assigned to (state place or area and who you assisted and what assignment consisted of such as crowd control, search, guard, etc.).

I was answering the telephone and making assignments from the assembly room. I assumed charge of men reporting and set up a man power pool to be used as needed.

4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are
Reserve Officer A.B. Caring was guarding the double doors between the main building and the basement parking area.
5. Did you know Ruby? No
6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?
after the shooting when Ruby was placed on the jail elevator

Print name Lt. Bernie Merrell

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. M. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer
Sando, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 7:45 A. M.
2. I reported to Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to -----

I was answering the telephone and making assignments from the Assembly
Room. I assumed charge of men reporting and set up a man power pool to
be used as needed.

4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
Reserve Officer L. M. Craig was guarding the double doors between
the main building and the basement parking area.
5. Did you know Ruby? No.

6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?

After the shooting when Ruby was placed on the jail elevator.

Signed: _____

It. Darold Merrill

November 30, 1963

Mr. J. M. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Lieutenant Earnie Herrell, 901

On November 30, 1963 Reserve Officer, Lieutenant Earnie Herrell was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

After reading his original report, Herrell stated that there was nothing of significance which he could add.

Herrell further states that he has not been contacted by any federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Cornwall
F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Jack Revill
Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

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THE 5TH FLOOR JAIL TO THE HOMICIDE
~~AND~~ ROBBERY BUREAU OFFICE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

T. D. McMillen #15,
DETECTIVE, C.I.D. AUTO
BUREAU.

AFTER A PRELIMINARY SEARCH IN THE JAIL OFFICE

~~IN THE 5TH FLOOR MEN'S JAIL WE INSTRUCT.~~

JAILERS TO SEARCH THIS MAN AND STRIP HIM

LEAVING HIM CLAD ^{WE ALSO} ONLY HIS SHORTS. ~~WE~~
INSTRUCTED THE JAILERS TO NOTIFY THE JAIL DOCTOR TO COM
EXAMINE THIS MAN.

DETECTIVES CHARDY, ARCHER AND I STAYED

THIS PRISONER FROM 11:25 AM UNTIL RELIEVED BY NON

DETECTIVES AT APPROXIMATELY 9:25 PM. DURING

THE TIME ~~WE~~ WE WERE WITH THIS MAN HE

WAS INTERROGATED BY MR. SORABELL OF SECURE

SERVICE AND MR. HALL OF F.B.I. HE WAS

CONTACTED BY AN ATTORNEY, MR. TOM HOWA

AND HE WAS EXAMINED BY DR. BIBBER

WHEN WE WERE RELIEVED BY HOMICIDE

OFFICERS, DETECTIVES CHARDY, ARCHER, A

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BUT AFTER I HAD GOTTEN HOLD OF THIS MAN.
RIGHT AWAY SEVERAL MORE OFFICERS WERE
ALSO TRYING TO SUBDUCE HIM. AT THIS POINT
I WAS ON THE FLOOR JUST OUTSIDE THE
JAIL OFFICE AND THE MAN SAID "I HOPE I
KILLED THE RAT-SON-OF-A-BITCH." ~~I~~ I
DO NOT KNOW WHO TOOK THE GUN FROM THIS MAN
BUT ~~THE~~ DETECTIVES ARCHER, CHAMBERS, CH
WYNNER AND SOME MORE OFFICER TOOK THE
MAN INTO THE JAIL OFFICE AND AT THIS
POINT HE WAS ON THE FLOOR. ^{AND I RECOGNIZED HIM AS JACK RUI} WE ~~WERE~~ ^{PL}
MY HANDCUFFS ON THIS MAN AND DET.
CHADY, ARCHER, CAPT. KING AND I TOOK
THE MAN TO DIRECTLY TO THE 5TH FLOOR MEN'S

PAST ME. ~~BE~~ AS THE PRISONER
~~WAS~~ WAS EVEN WITH ME I MADE
A LEFT FACE WHICH ~~CAUSED~~ CAUSED ME
BE WALKING IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION
JUST AS I HAD ~~BEEN~~ TAKEN ABOUT 100
STEPS IN FORMING THE BARRIER ON THE NORTH
SIDE OF THE PRISONER A MAN JUMPED FROM
SOMEWHERE SLIGHTLY TO MY RIGHT AND IN
FRONT OF ME. I HEARD THIS MAN YELL "YOU BASTARD
SON-OF-A-BITCH YOU SHOT THE PRESIDENT." I SAW
THE MAN AS HE APPEARED TO JUMP OR TO
TOWARD THE PRISONER, I SAW A SHORT
BARREL REVOLVER AND HEARD ONE SHOT.
I ATTEMPTED TO GRAB THIS MAN BY THE

my IMMEDIATE RIGHT AND I WAS 7
FEET FROM THE DOOR ON THE NORTH
SIDE HALLWAY WHICH LEADS TO THE JAIL
DOOR. I DO NOT KNOW WHO WAS ON M.

I APPROXIMATELY 11:25 AM

CAPTAIN FRITZ CAME OUT THE JAIL

DOOR AND ASKED WAS ~~IS~~ EVERYTHING AL

AND I ANSWERED "YES SIR". I DO NOT

HE WAS SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO ME.

HOMICIDE DETECTIVES WERE HOLDING

PRISONER ESCORTING HIM AND I RECOG

TECTIVE LITTLE ON THE PRISONER

CAPTAIN FRITZ HAD PROCEEDED PAST

~~RE~~ THE 2 HOMICIDE DETECTIVE

24 NOV 1963

MA J. G. CURRY
CHIEF of Police

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT FOR
SECURITY OF LEE HARV
OSWALD

SIR,

ON 24 NOV 1963 I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE BNS
OF THE CITY HALL AT APPROXIMATELY 11:10.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURITY IN THE TRANSFERS
OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD FROM THE CITY
TO THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL.

I WAS STATIONED NEAR THE JAIL OFFICE DOOR
WHICH EXITS ONTO THE RAMP LEADING IN A
NORTHERLY DIRECTION TOWARD MAIN STREET.

November 27, 1963

Detectives Glady, Archer, and I assisted in getting this man from the fifth floor jail to the Homicide and Robbery Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. McMillon
Detective
Criminal Investigation Division

November 27, 1963

W. C. H. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

I should like to submit the following report regarding the incident occurring in the basement on November 24, 1963.

On November 24, 1963, I was assigned to the basement of the City Hall at approximately 11:10 a.m. for the purpose of security in the transferring of Lee Harvey Oswald from the City Jail to the County Jail. I was stationed near the jail office door which exits onto the ramp leading in a northerly direction toward Main Street. Detective L. J. Miller was stationed to my immediate right and I was the second person from the door on the north side of the hallway which leads to the jail office door. I do not know who was on my left.

At approximately 11:25 a.m. Captain Fritz came out of the jail office door and asked if everything was all right, and I answered, "Yes sir." I do not know if he was speaking directly to me. Two Homicide detectives were holding onto the prisoner escorting him, and I recognized Detective Leavelle on the prisoner's left. Captain Fritz had proceeded past me and the two Homicide detectives with the prisoner had proceeded slightly past me. As the prisoner was even with me, I made a left face which caused me to be walking in a southeasterly direction. Just as I had taken about one or two steps in forming the barrier on the north side of the prisoner, a man jumped from somewhere slightly to my right and in front of me. I heard this man yell, "You rat son-of-a-bitch, you shot the President." I saw the man as he appeared to jump or lunge toward the prisoner. I saw a short barrel revolver and heard one shot. I attempted to grab this man by the right arm and could still see the revolver. But after I had gotten hold of this man's right arm, several more officers were also trying to subdue him. At this point, I was on the floor just outside the jail office and the man said, "I hope I killed the rat son-of-a-bitch." I do not know who took the gun from this man, but Detectives Archer, Chambers, Clardy, Maggoner, and some more officers took this man into the jail office and at the time he was on the floor and I recognized him as Jack Ruby. We placed my handcuffs on this man and Detectives Clardy, Archer, and Captain King, and I took this man directly to the fifth floor men's jail, after a preliminary search in the jail office.

On the fifth floor men's jail we instructed jailers to search this man and strip him leaving him clad in only his shorts. We also instructed the jailers to notify the jail doctor to come and examine this man.

Detectives Clardy, Archer, and I stayed with this prisoner from 11:25 a.m. until relieved by Homicide detectives at approximately 3:25 p.m. During the time we were with this man, he was interrogated by Mr. Corrells of Secret Service and Mr. Hall of the F.B.I. He was contacted by an attorney, Mr. Tom Leonard, and he was examined by Dr. Bieberdorf when we were relieved by Homicide officers.

November 30, 1963

J. D. Garry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
T. D. McMillan

Sir:

T. D. McMillan was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. G. McCaghren at 9:45 am on November 30, 1963. He had this to add to his original report:

I would like to make one correction that I now know to be true; that Detective Leavelle was on the prisoner's right rather than on the prisoner's left as I stated on my original report. Also I would like to correct that the person, Jack Ruby, came from my left instead of my right as I stated in my original report.

I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby, and I do know him by sight. I did not see him in the basement before the shooting, and can never recall seeing him around the City Hall.

We talked to him when we got to the 5th floor. On the 5th floor Ruby was asked how he got to the basement. He replied that he came from the Western Union office where he wired a girl in Fort Worth some money. He said he saw Ric Pierce drive out of the basement. He walked past the policeman standing there. He said a policeman hollered at him, but he ducked his head and kept going. He said that he knew he could always act like a reporter.

He also said, "You'll won't believe this, but I didn't have this planned. I couldn't have timed it so perfect." He said just as he got there, Oswald was coming out.

He stated he always carried a gun in the car because he always had some money.

I overheard Ruby say that after coming out of the Western Union office, he saw the colored car there and came to see what was going on.

Ruby said he figured he could get off at least three shots before he would be caught. Ruby related that he knew he was shooting the right person, as he had attended the show-up Friday night at City Hall. He related how Henry Wade had made numerous references to the organization that Oswald belonged to, and that Ruby himself had corrected Henry Wade because he didn't want him to be embarrassed in public.

I have been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant Juvenile Bureau

P. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant Burglary & Theft Bureau

On the morning of December 3, 1963, Inspector Sawyer contacted Mr. Howard, attorney for Jack Ruby and asked him if he had reached any decision regarding the polygraph examination for his client and supplying the Police Department with the information as to how he gained access to the basement of the City Hall. Mr. Howard became evasive and stated that he was going to call in some more lawyers on Friday, December 6, 1963 and that after he had a discussion with them, he would let us know his decision - until this conference would be held, his answer would be negative as far as the polygraph examination was concerned.

On December 3, 1963, Lieutenant Jack Revill and F. I. Cornwall again interviewed Jack Ruby in the County Jail. He was personally given the opportunity to submit to a polygraph examination. He refused, saying he would have to get permission from his legal advisor, Mr. Tom Howard. An attempt was made to gain information from Ruby as to his activities on the morning of November 24, 1963. He refused to furnish any information. He said that it would all come out during his trial and that he wants to tell the world what a great Police Department Dallas has and how much he loves Dallas. During the interview, Ruby became very emotional and was almost to the point of hysteria in his effort to protect any police officer from being implicated into his entrance into the basement of the City Hall.

He related in detail his activities for November 22, 1963 such as upon hearing that the President had been assassinated, he immediately stood down and which he had placed earlier that morning in the Dallas Morning News pertaining to his night club, the Carousel Night Club. He related that he became emotionally upset and was in a trance. He went to the Elgin Daintons and purchased \$10.00 worth of hamburger type food. He was very specific in getting this information and spent the remainder of the afternoon with her. In the late afternoon still feeling disturbed, he drove through the City of Dallas checking to see what business establishments were closed. He felt that inasmuch as he had closed his nightclub that the other business establishments should have also been closed out of sympathy for the death of the President. He went to a delicatessen and purchased sandwiches with the intention of bringing said sandwiches to his friends at the Police Department. He called the Homicide and Robbery Bureau and told them that he had these sandwiches and was going to bring them to the Police Department. He was advised by Detective R. M. Sims that they had already eaten but he thanked him for the gesture. Ruby then stated that he drove to the City Hall and went to the basement and mingled with the crowd. He was present in the Police Assembly Room when Lee Harvey Oswald was interviewed by the press. After this interview Ruby stated that he called Radio Station KLIF and got an exclusive interview with District Attorney J. Lee Smith. He left the City Hall and drove to Radio

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December 4, 1963

Re: Interview with Jack Ruby

Sir:

On December 3, 1963, Lieutenant Jack Revill and Lieutenant F. I. Cornwall interviewed Jack Ruby, presently confined in the Dallas County Jail for the murder of L. N. Oswald. The purpose of this interview was to determine how Ruby gained access to the basement of the City Hall.

During the interview with Ruby it became apparent that he was not going to cooperate in any way as he stated that he did not want to get any police officers in trouble and also anything that he might tell us might be used against him in his forthcoming trial for murder. He did state that he had sent a \$25.00 money order to a friend of his in Ft. Worth from the Western Union Telegraph Company, 2034 Main, at 11:16 a.m. on November 24, 1963. Upon questioning him as to how he gained access to the basement of the City Hall, he became evasive and refused to furnish any information. However, in answer to a direct question as to whether he spoke to anyone in the basement prior to the shooting he definitely stated, no, that he did not speak to anyone.

He did state that he would cooperate with the Police Department if his attorney, Mr. Tom Howard would give him permission to do so. Mr. Howard telephonically was contacted by Lieutenant Cornwall and requested to come to the County Jail to sit in on the interview with his client, Ruby. Mr. Howard did so and after discussing the matter with Ruby in privacy, they both decided that Ruby would not give us the requested information.

Prior to the termination of this interview, both Attorney Howard and Ruby stated that Ruby would be willing to submit to a polygraph examination; that they had made an attempt to get said polygraph examination but that District Attorney Henry Wade had refused.

The interview was terminated at this point and Mr. Howard stated that he would contact his other law partners and if they agreed he would give us information which might be significant to the Dallas Police Department investigation. He advised the undersigned officers that he would contact them Monday or Tuesday as to what decision they had reached.

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December 9, 1963

Mr. J. M. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

On December 7, 1963, Mr. Fred Hicks was telephonically contacted regarding Alby having been issued a press pass for the 1963 State Fair of Texas. Mr. Hicks is with the Public Relations Department, State Fair of Texas, and stated that his office does not reflect any issuance of press credentials being issued to Alby.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Merrill
John A. Merrill

Document, Special Service Bureau

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December 6, 1963

Mr. J. W. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Jack Ruby's Automobile

Lieutenant Vernon Smart obtained the following information:

Theodore Jackson c-n, 1710 Pine, usually can be found at RI 8-4645, 2001 Pacific; employed by Mr. E. D. Waters who owns and operates the parking lot at 2035 Main Street. Jackson was on duty at 2035 Main Street last Sunday, November 24, 1963. He stated that the 1960 Oldsmobile in question was parked on his lot when he opened the lot. He did not know the exact time but stated that it was about noon.

Jehnnie L. Daniel c-n employed by Horton parking system next door to this lot stated that he opened his lot about the same time and that he saw this Oldsmobile parked there at the time. He stated that he arrived just a few minutes ahead of Jackson. Daniel's address is Pacific Hotel.

Mr. Waters, owner of the lot, has an office at 2001 Pacific, Phone MIB-4645, listed as Allstate Parking.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Jones
C. A. Jones
Captain of Police

CAS:rw

November 25, 1963

Mr. J.E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Jack Leon Ruby

Sir:

On November 21, 1963 at approximately 12 Noon I, along with Officers V.D. Monaghan, T.O. Trotman, D.E. Geer, and H.R. Arnold, was in assistant District Attorney Ben Ellis' office, which is on the sixth floor of the Records Building. The window in this office faces Record Street, with a view of both Elm and Main Streets.

The above captioned Subject came into the office while we were there and passed out some advertisement cards concerning a stripper known as "Jada." To my knowledge Subject did not stand at the window, nor did he pause any length of time at the window.

As Subject was leaving the office, assistant District Attorneys Ben Ellis and Don Stodchill entered. Subject introduced himself to Ben Ellis and told Mr. Ellis, "You probably don't know me now, but you will."

Respectfully submitted,

W.F. Dyson
W.F. Dyson
Lieutenant of Police

December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of Warren Richey - WDAF
1600 Grantland Circle
Ft. Worth, Texas
GIL-5963 - AM-2484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Mr. Richey came to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, with WDAF-TV crew. He is an engineer and was assigned to top of Mobile Unit parked on Commerce Street beside City Hall. He had a T.V. camera on top of the truck and could not hear too much of what was said by anyone on the street. He stated he saw some man walking back and forth on sidewalk on Commerce Street side of the City Hall. This was before the armored car was brought to City Hall. Last time he saw this same man was approximately 10:00 a.m. or shortly before 11:00 a.m., and the man was standing in a group of people just East of the Commerce Street Ramp exit.

Mr. Richey did not know Jack Ruby and later recognized the man from a picture in a Dallas paper, where Ruby was wearing a hat. Mr. Richey stated he did not see a press pass on this man.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace

C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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December 1, 1963

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
Interview of H. B. Reynolds

Sir:

H. B. Reynolds was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. G. McCaghren at 2:30 pm on November 29, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was added by H. B. Reynolds:

I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby, and I do not. I did not see him prior to the shooting and was unable to see him after the shooting.

On the morning of November 29, 1963, in the sub basement of the City Hall, I over heard a conversation between Officer Vaughn and an officer unknown to me regarding Jack Ruby. The officer not known to me stated to Vaughn that he had seen a picture of Jack Ruby where there was a press card stuck in his hat.

I have not been interviewed by anyone regarding this incident prior to this date.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

P. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

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November 26, 1963

R. J. W. Curry
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Location of Detective H. B. Reynolds
at the time of the shooting of
Cassidy, November 24, 1963

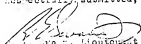
Sir:

Below is submitted report supplied by Detective H. B. Reynolds as
regarding his activities on November 24, 1963.

At 11:00 Lieutenant Smith came into the office and told us, one
by one, to start toward Jail office. Reynolds and I, the last two
left, and I went to the double doors leading outside into the
rear area. I was there when Smith and Reynolds came out of the elevator.
At this time, I noticed that an attorney Tom Howard was standing
in the lobby outside of the Jail office behind the uniformed officer
stationed there. As officers departing Smith started out into the
rear area, I heard a shot.

I ran back into the lobby and then to the lobby to the Commerce Street
exit, and up on the street and observed an uniformed officer to
block the Commerce Street exit to the old City Hall and to not let
any one out. I ran to the Marlborough Street exit and ordered an
uniformed officer to not let any one out of that exit. I came
back to the Commerce Street exit and entered on the first floor
of the City Hall to see a Negro running toward the exit on the Main
Street. I immediately went after him along with Sgt. Everett and a
removed officer who were entering up with him at that time. This
colored man was handcuffed, and I took possession of him and took him
to the Police office where I released him to Detective Baker, and
then I took position in front of the Chief's office to stop persons
from entering into this office.

Respectfully submitted,


H. B. Reynolds, Lieutenant
Burglary and Theft Bureau

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer
Jerry Raz, #1551
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 at approximately 9:30 A.M., I reported to Station 511. I waited in the Radio Patrol office until about 10:15 A.M. At this time Captain Talbert took me along with about 10 other officers to the basement of City Hall and into the parking area. I waited in a group with the other officers until about 11:00 A.M. At this time Sergeants Dean and Putnam assigned me to work traffic at Elm and Stone Street.

While waiting for my assignment I did not have to confront anyone for entry or exit to the city hall basement. I did observe two TV cameras and about twenty reporters.

I departed the City Hall basement approximately 11:05 A.M. and reported to my traffic assignment. About 11:30 A.M., I was informed by Police Radio to report to Parkland Hospital. I arrived at Parkland Hospital and worked traffic on Harry Hines Blvd. at the hospital entrance. I was relieved from this post at 1:00 P.M. by a Police Reserve Officer. I then went back to my patrol duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Raz
Patrolman #1551
Patrol Division

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Statement of Jerry Hagg:

November 29, 1963

I left the basement of the City Hall about 11:00 A. M. for a traffic assignment at Elm and Stone Streets, and did not return prior to the shooting.

I do not know Jack Ruby.

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Incident Involving Lee Harvey
Oswald

Sir:

At approximately 10:30 A. M. on November 24, 1963, I, Detective James K. Ramsey 1527, went into the basement of the city hall and stationed myself by the cement pillars next to the three parking stalls reserved for the Chief Officers.

I received instructions along with other detectives from Captain C. ... Jones to place myself approximately at the start of the exit ramp for the security of Lee Harvey Oswald.

I saw Mr. Oswald being led on to the ramp in the basement when I heard a shot, and I immediately started running toward a white male detective W. E. Chambers and a few other officers had seized the suspect. When I reached the suspect, approximately five to six officers and I assisted in subduing the suspect and taking him to the jail office. I assisted in the search of the suspect's person. He was handcuffed and as he was being picked up from the floor, the suspect stated, "I wanted to save the state some money". He was then taken by other police officers into the jail office elevator. I then went to Lee Harvey Oswald who was lying on the floor inside the jail office and observed the City Doctor administer aid to him. There was a bullet wound in Oswald's left side, and there was powder burns around the wound.

I then helped other officers and ambulance attendants place Oswald on the stretcher and place him into the ambulance, which was waiting on the ramp in the basement.

I then accompanied Lt. McKinney and four other detectives to Parkland Hospital to establish security measures at the Hospital.

Respectfully,
James K. Ramsey
James K. Ramsey
Detective 1527
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November 30, 1963

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

RE: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
J. K. Ramsey

Sir:

J. K. Ramsey was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. G. McCaghren at 4:20pm on November 29, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was added by J. K. Ramsey:

I was stationed in the basement on the Commerce Street ramp near Detective Wagner. I have been shown a picture of Jack Ruby and to my knowledge I did not see him come down this Commerce Street ramp. I do not know this person and have never seen him in the basement of the City Hall. I saw him after Oswald was shot when I helped subdue him.

I assisted other officers in taking him to the jail office. I remained in the jail office and assisted loading Oswald into the ambulance.

I do not have any idea how Jack Ruby got into the City Hall.

I have not been interviewed previously regarding this incident.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

P. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

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At approximately 11:18 A.M. Sergeant Dean advised me to go with Lieutenant Pierce in his car and to get one man to go with us.

I asked Sergeant Maxey to come with us and the three of us left the basement by the Main Street ramp, at approximately 11:20 A.M. When we arrived at the top of the ramp I observed Officer R. E. Vaughn standing to my right. I did not see anyone come into the basement as we left.

We went to the Commerce Street side of the ramp and as we stopped the car, Detective Reynolds ran from the basement beside the armored car and yelled to cover off the Police and Courts Building, Oswald had been shot. I assisted him temporarily and then returned to Lieutenant Pierce's car.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Putnam
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Sergeant Of Police
Patrol Division

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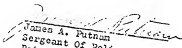
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Respectfully submitted,


James A. Putnam
Sergeant Of Police
Patrol Division

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Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

November 26, 1963

Subject: Assignment Of Sergeant
James A. Putnam On
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, at approximately 9:00 A.M., Sergeant Dean advised me he had instructions to search the basement parking area and instructed me to assist him. I was with Sergeant Dean when he assigned the officers at each entrance to the area to be searched. The assignments were as follows:

R. C. Nelson	Basement Entrance From Police & Courts Bus
R. E. Vaughn	North Ramp Entrance on Main Street
B. G. Patterson	South Ramp Exit On Commerce Street
A. R. Brook	Elevators In Basement
Reserve Officer Assigned by Reserve Captain Arnett.	Entrance On South Side From Engine Room

Sergeant Dean instructed the men on these posts to refuse entrance to anyone except properly identified Police Officers and members of the Press.

After securing the area, Sergeant Dean contacted Reserve Captain Arnett, who provided approximately twelve (12) Reserve Policemen to assist us with the search. Officer L. E. Jez, Sergeant Dean, Reserve Captain Arnett, approximately twelve (12) other Reserve Policemen and I conducted a search of all vehicles and all of the possible hiding places in the basement parking area.

I assisted Sergeant Dean by remaining in the basement and checking the posts as often as possible and also asking for identification of anyone in the basement that I did not recognize, as Police or Press Personnel.

Shortly after the search was completed an unmarked police car occupied by two detectives drove into the basement. I checked the

November 29, 1963

STATEMENT OF SERGEANT J. A. PUTNAM

Sergeant J. A. Putnam stated that he was sitting in the front seat (passenger side) of the squad car driven by Lieutenant R. S. Pierce with Sergeant Maxey riding in the back seat behind the driver. Lieutenant Pierce hesitated as the front end of the squad arrived at the sidewalk. At this time Vaughn was standing on the sidewalk in front of the car. He moved to my right and about two feet off the sidewalk into the street and glanced to the east on Main Street and motioned us on. I am not sure he held up his hand to stop traffic or not. Pierce hesitated slightly and drove into the street. I do not remember whether we had to stop at a traffic light on Main and Harwood, but I know we did not stop at Harwood and Commerce. As we stopped at the Commerce Street Ramp a detective was running up the ramp yelling "Cover off the building."

I do not recall seeing anyone to the right of the squad car as we drove out by the Main Street entrance, but a few people were to the left. Captain Talbert and I ran several City employees from the basement. I talked to three porters and had them leave the building.

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

November 23, 1963

Subject: City Hall Security

Sir:

The following men from the Second Platoon were relieved from their regular assignment for Security of the City Hall. Officers who were assigned a traffic corner location, remained on Station 511 till reporting to their Special Assignment.

Wisc, H. L.	St. Paul & Elm
Bruck, A. R.	Basement Elevator
Patterson, B. G.	Ramp on Commerce
Jez, L. E.	Ramp on Commerce
Vaughn, R. E.	Ramp on Main
Raz, J.	Stone & Elm
Anderson, K. K.	Field & Elm
Pate, D. L.	Ramp on Commerce
Nelson, R. C.	In hall at Jail Entrance
Wages, H. J.	Central & Main
Gregory, T. E.	Central & Elm
Fox, L. L.	Harwood & Elm
Taylor, L. C.	Bottom of Ramp, Commerce Street Side
Burton, T. R.	Commerce & Central
Erwin, T. K.	Commerce & Pearl
Hibbs, W. E.	Akard & Elm
Tolbert, G. L.	Pearl & Elm
Farris, M. E.	Lamar & Elm
Watkins, R. A.	Commerce Street Ramp, With Truck

Respectfully submitted,

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Rio S. Picroe
Lieutenant of Police
Patrol Division

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No one entered the basement by the north ramp while we were leaving.

We made a left turn from the basement on Main Street and stopped for a short time for the red light on Main and Harwood, then continued to the top of the ramp on Commerce Street.

By the time we were in position in front of the armored car the shooting must have already occurred as officers were running to cover all exits of the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. Pierce

Rio S. Pierce
Lieutenant of Police
Patrol Division

RSP/bb
C. S. Pierce
YJS

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Security Of Parking Area
Of City Hall During Transfer
Of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

At approximately 9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was instructed by Captain Talbert to call enough squads to the City Hall to assist in the transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald. I called thirteen (13) squads to report to Station 511. This was a total of nineteen (19) men.

When the officers started arriving I instructed Sergeant P. T. Doan to report to the parking area and remove all unauthorized persons from this area and keep this area free from such persons until after the transfer had been made.

At approximately 9:40 A.M. I instructed four (4) officers to report to Sergeant Doan for the purpose of securing this area and instructed the remainder of the officers who had been called to the station to remain in the Sergeant's Room of Patrol Office to be used as a pool as needed.

I later checked the parking area at approximately 10:15 A.M. and found it to be free of unauthorized personnel.

I then went to the Homicide Bureau for additional information. I remained at this location until the interrogation had been completed. At this time Chief Curry and Chief Stevenson informed me to secure a car and some uniform officers and escort the trucks via Elm Street to the Court House.

I rode the elevator to the basement and got equipment number 1. The exit ramp was blocked leading to Commerce Street by one armored truck and it was necessary for me to exit on Main Street. Sergeants B. J. Maxey and J. A. Putnam were in the car with Sergeant Putnam seated on the right front and Sergeant Maxey on left rear.

At this time a large number of members of the press were located at the bottom of the ramp. Sergeant Putnam got out of the car and assisted me while getting through the crowd. He then returned to the right front of the car.

I continued up the ramp where I observed Officer R. E. Vaughn at the top of the ramp. He was standing just outside the ramp on the right.

November 30, 1963

STATEMENT OF LT. RIO S. PIERCE

I know Jack Ruby and have known him since 1949. I did not see him at or near the City Hall prior to the shooting.

I was driving the squad car; Putnam was sitting in the front seat; and, Maxey in the back on the left-hand side.

When we drove out the Main Street ramp, there were some people on the sidewalk, but vehicular traffic was very light. I did see Vaughn after I passed him and this was about six feet from the building.

I pulled on to Main Street and stopped for the traffic light. When it changed, I pulled into the intersection and did let two cars pass, and made a left turn onto Harwood and a left at Commerce.

When we arrived at the Commerce Street ramp entrance, Maxey and Putnam got out of the car and I backed up in front of the armored car. I got out of the car and I could tell something had happened, and we sealed off the Commerce Street entrance.

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December 5, 1963

Re: Interview with George Phenix
KRLD-TV - 2550 Klondike
DA 7-8070

Sir:

We went to the home of George Phenix at approximately 1:30 p.m. on December 4, 1963. He stated that he arrived at the basement of the City Hall, Sunday morning, November 24, 1963 with Wes Wise in a mobil unit. They drove into the basement of the City Hall and shortly thereafter Wes Wise left in the mobile unit. Mr. Phenix stated he took film of someone measuring the height of the Commerce Street ramp to determine if the armored car could be brought in from that exit.

Mr. Phenix was vague about other newsmen in the vicinity as he has only held his present position for about 6 months and is not familiar with other newsmen.

The pictures Mr. Phenix took in the basement showed the top of Jack Ruby's hat and also showed Ruby as he lunged past Officer Harrison on his left side. Phenix was not aware of Ruby's presence before the shooting and actually was not aware he was in the picture until the shot was fired. Mr. Phenix was standing on the East curb of the ramp and leaning against the railing taking his pictures when Ruby apparently entered the scene between Mr. Phenix and Officer Harrison. We have Mr. Phenix's pictures in our possession.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. McCaghren
P. J. McCaghren
Lieutenant, Burglary & Theft Bureau

C. C. Wallace
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Lieutenant, Juvenile Bureau

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AFFIDAVIT IN ANY FACT

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME

Ruby Smith

RUBY SMITH

a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.

Francious Pelou

Who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

I am a reporter with AFP - 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York - PL 7-6712. I a group of French and National Press. I arrived in Dallas Friday night, November 22, 1963, following the assassination of President Kennedy. I a at the City Hall and attended the interview of Oswald in the basement lat night. I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby. I recall Ike Pappas, anot reporter from New York, referring to a person that had brought sandwiches press as Jack. I later understood this to be Jack Ruby. To my knowledge did not see this person Saturday. Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, I e the basement of the City Hall and was thoroughly checked for my press ore

At the time of the shooting I was standing on the East side of the ramp w two live-TV cameras to my right. I observed Oswald as he was being taken the Jail Office. I took notice when he turned his head to the left. I a turned and looked in the same direction as Oswald looked and found the pe: I now know to be Jack Ruby as he lunged from the crowd and shot Oswald. I this story as a lead in my paper that Oswald saw his killer before anyone

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Francious Pelou

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS

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Ruby Smith

Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

RUBY 3

DECEMBER 8, 1963

TIMES RT-1-4385 URGENT
OFFICER SAYS
HE SAW RUBY

Barwine Payne - WH6-5892

A Dallas police officer said Saturday that he saw self-appointed executioner Jack Ruby come through the Main Street entrance of the City Hall basement minutes before he fired a fatal, point-blank shot into the body of Lee Harvey Oswald.

The officer, stationed near the armored car at the Commerce Street exit from the basement, told The Times Herald.

"Jack Ruby, Oswald's assassin, came from the north (Main Street) entrance down the ramp. There were many police officers and press representatives in the area."

"Ruby jumped out of the crowd as Oswald passed and fired one shot point-blank at Oswald."

How Ruby entered the City Hall basement has been subject of an extensive investigation within the police department. No official explanation has been made, and police officials have declined comment on reports that several officers have been asked to take lie detector tests in connection with the probe.

STORIES MATCH

The officer's story matches that of Ruby as told through his attorney Tom Howard. There has been speculation that Ruby had waited in the basement, mingling with members of the press until Oswald stepped into the basement parking area.

An officer on duty at the Main Street exit said he had not seen Ruby enter the basement.

The officer said he had been

on guard at the Main Street exit for two and one half hours prior to the shooting and had admitted no one but police officers and press representatives. Everyone, he said, was required to show identification.

In another development, the owner of a public gun range said Saturday the FBI had taken pounds of empty shells in an attempt to confirm that Oswald had

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*** RUBY**

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practiced shooting there as recently as five days before the assassination of President Kennedy.

Floyd Davis, owner of the Sportdrome Gun Range near Grand Prairie, said neither he nor his wife, Virginia, had ever seen Oswald at the range.

"But there were three different people here at three different times who told us about seeing Oswald," Davis said.

Meanwhile, an 18-year-old self-styled Nazi from Arlington, Va., was marched into the Dallas police department, accompanied by a detective carrying a near-life-sized "dummy" of Cuban strongman Fidel Castro.

The youth wore a brown shirt and a Swastika arm band. He said he was "just trying to inform the American people."

CASTRO BLAMED

A sign affixed to the Castro effigy blamed the Cuban dictator for President John F. Kennedy's assassination and urged an invasion of the Communist-controlled island.

The Secret Service arrived minutes later and clamped a security lid on the Dallas Police Department's special services bureau.

It was also learned Saturday that an early suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy was still in jail—but no longer as a suspect in the killing.

The man, a 31-year-old man who gave a Knight Street address, was arrested minutes after the assassination when officers swarmed railroad yards near the assassination scene.

A man was reported seen in that area carrying a rifle.

STILL IN JAIL

The suspect was unnamed when arrested but hooked, along with others arrested in the hectic hours following the assassination, on charges of "investigation of conspiracy to commit murder."

The investigative charges were dropped Monday morning but the man was held in jail on "city charges."

And in another phase of the investigation, authorities still declined to comment on a possible link between the President's assassination and a sniper's shot at former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker last spring.

Oswald's widow is reported to have told authorities her husband boasted of firing a shot at Mr. Walker last April 10, and there were reports that the ex-general's name and telephone number were found in a book recovered among Oswald's possessions.

The shot barely missed the general as he sat in the study of his home on Turtle Creek Boulevard.

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December

Subject: Interview with Mr. Darwin
Reporter for Dallas Times

Sir:

On December 10, 1963, Lieutenant F. I. Cornwall and I Jack Reville interviewed Mr. Darwin Payne in regards to article that was written by him and printed in the Dallas Times Herald, December 8, 1963. Mr. Payne stated that Saturday, December 7, 1963, at about 1:30 p.m. he called Sergeant P. T. Dean at home and told him that he was assigned to verify an article written by Mr. David Hughes and published in the Times Herald shortly after the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Mr. Payne said that he then read the article written by Mr. David Hughes to Sergeant Dean (copy of those notes are attached to the interview of David Hughes) and asked him if this was about the way it was or if there were any changes he would like to make. Sergeant Dean advised him that he did not have any changes to make from the original interview given Mr. Hughes. The article written by Mr. Payne which appeared in the Dallas Times Herald on December 8, 1963, states "Officer says he saw Ruby". In regard to this statement I asked Mr. Payne if Sergeant Dean had made this statement, that he had seen Jack Ruby come down the North ramp and Mr. Payne replied that Sergeant Dean did not say this but that he merely verified what had been written in the first article.

When asked how this mistake was made, Mr. Payne stated that it was probably done by the rewrite man.

At the time of this interview, Mr. Payne said he had been questioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Cornwall
F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry,
Chief of Police.

Subject: Assignment of Officer
B. G. Patterson #1553,
on Sunday, November 24, 1963.

Sir:

Approximately 9:00 A.M., November 24, 1963, I received instructions to report to Station 511 for assignment. I arrived at 511 at approximately 9:10 A.M., and was told by Lieutenant Pierce to report to Sergeant Dean in the basement. Sergeant Dean gave me my assignment which was the south ramp exit on Commerce Street. My orders were not to let anyone in the basement except members of Press and Police with proper identification. Sergeant Dean said I would have another officer to assist me as soon as they completed a search of the basement.

Officer L. E. Jez came up the ramp to Commerce Street Exit to assist me at approximately 9:45 A.M.. There were also about three or four reserve officers at my location. Officer Jez went across Commerce Street with several other officers to search a building, then returned to his assignment. At 11:00 am, Lieutenant Pierce said the subject would be moved in an armored car and for me to guard the right side as it was backed down the Ramp. The car arrived at about 11:10 A.M., and was backed into the opening of the Ramp. No unauthorized person entered the basement during this time. I remained at my assignment on the right side of the car.

A few minutes later I heard noise in the basement. I saw someone walking across the top of a car. A little later I heard a siren and saw the ambulance pull into the Main Street Ramp entrance. Someone said to move the Armored car out of the way of the ambulance, so I got in and told the driver to move it to the south side of Commerce Street. The ambulance came out of the basement and I returned to my assignment on the ramp until relieved by Sergeant Dean.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. Patterson

B. G. Patterson
Patrolman, #1553
Patrol Division

BGP/mb
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December 1, 1963

STATEMENT OF B. G. PATTERSON:

I was stationed on the West side of the armored car when it backed into the Commerce Street ramp. It was so close to the wall that no one could have walked through.

I met Jack Ruby about two years ago, but I don't think I would know him if I saw him. I did not see him in the basement or around the City Hall to recognize him.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer
Officer D. L. Pate #1183
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 at approximately 9:00 A.M. I was told to report to the Patrol Captain's office along with several other officers.

We stayed in the Captain's office until approximately 9:45 A.M. when Captain Talbert advised us to report to the basement. When we got to the basement, Captain Talbert gave me the keys to his car and told me to pull the car out of the parking space and put it in a position to drive out.

I stayed with the Captain's car until approximately 10:45 A.M. when Captain Talbert came and told me to park the car back in a parking space and take a position at the base of the ramp leading out to Commerce Street.

He ordered me to watch the armored car when it backed down the ramp and not let it hit the over head.

After the armored car arrived and backed into the Commerce entrance, Captain Talbert ordered me to take a post at the front of the ramp leading out to Commerce Street and not let anyone onto the ramp when they carried the prisoner to the armored car.

I called Officer L. C. Taylor, #1430 and asked him to stand on the side next to the building and help me keep everyone off the ramp.

I was at this post when the prisoner was shot.

When I heard the shot I started toward the scene and then someone hollered not to let anyone out of the basement. I then went to the back of the basement where I could cover the elevators leading to the new city hall.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. Pate

D. L. Pate
Patrolman #1183
Patrol Division

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November 26, 1963

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Respectfully submitted,

D. L. Pate

D. L. Pate
Patrolman #1183
Patrol Division

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~~November 29, 1963~~

STATEMENT OF D. L. PATE

I was assigned to a post at the bottom of the Commerce Street ramp. I took this position at about 11:05 a.m. My duty was to keep everyone off the ramp when they came up with the prisoner. I left for about 3 minutes to take my shotgun on the inside of the jail and then returned directly to the post.

I know Jack Ruby but I did not see him in or about the City Hall. I have known Ruby about 6 or 7 years. The last time I saw Ruby was about 3 months ago.

December 11, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Telephone Interview with The
Pappas -
301 East 47th Street
New York City, New York
Phone 2-5463
Radio Station WABC

Sir:

On December 11, 1963 at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Pappas called and I talked to him regarding the Oswald shooting, November 24, 1963. Mr. Pappas stated that he was on the third floor of the City Hall and that he observed Captain Fritz and the Detectives as Oswald left their office and went downstairs on the jail elevator. He took the City Hall elevator to the basement and hurried into the basement ramp area and got there about one minute before Oswald was brought out. He took a position about the middle of the driveway on the North side. Jack Ruby came from a position to Pappas's left side.

Mr. Pappas stated that he had seen Jack Ruby at the press conference late Friday night and that at that time Jack Ruby gave him a guest pass to the Carousel Club. He stated he had not seen Jack Ruby on Saturday at the City Hall.

Mr. Pappas stated to know 2 other men that were present at the time of the shooting - one was Mr. Mark MacKicella of the Daily Tribune, New York City, New York (a writer) and the other man was Tom Pettit, also of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace

C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

CCJ:mr

December 16, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: New Media Present at
Oswald Shooting

Sir:

The following list of names have been mentioned as being present in the basement of City Hall, when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot. These people have not been contacted.

1. Milt Sosin, Miami Florida Reporter
2. Paul Cisco, Unknown - Not local
3. Oliver Oakes, Unknown - Not local
4. John Alexander, Unknown - Not local
5. Tom Pettit, N.B.C. (Commentator) Los Angeles, Calif.
6. Jim Standard, Oklahoma City, Okla. - Newspaper
7. Mike Smith, A. P. - Los Angeles, California
8. Bert Rhinehart, U.P.I. New York City, N. Y.
9. Hank Machariella, Daily Tribune, New York City, N. Y.

Respectfully submitted,

C.C. Wallace
C.C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

CCW:mw

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DATE			TIME OF CALL	STREET	DIRECTION	STREET NUMBER	TYPE CALL	TIME CLEARED	FIRST SQUAD	SECOND SQUAD	DISTRICT
MO.	DAY	YR									
11	24	3	0442	LANCASTER	N	612	5016		81		109
11	24	3	1651	LANCASTER	N	829	4448	1657	85		81
11	24	3	2211	LANCASTER	N	4435	4428	2242	78		77
11	24	3	1723	LAWTHER	N	4829	4459	1953	45		45
11	24	3	1555	LEMMON OAK LAWN	N		4411	1616	35		27
11	24	3	2132	LEMMON MANOR	N		4447	2248	12	32	32
11	24	3	2254	LEMMON REAGAN	N		5003	2316	33		27
11	24	3	0152	LEMMON	N	5000	4428	200	31		31
11	24	3	0022	LEMMON	N	5018	4416	206	32		31
11	24	3	2328	LEONARD	N	2102	4472	14	13		115
11	24	3	0150	LIBERTY	N	813	4448	209	02		113
11	24	3	0841	LINDEN LANE	N	6423	4459	921	48		49
11	24	3	1543	LINDSLEY	N	5222	4485	1553	18		52
11	24	3	1543	LINDSLEY	N	5222	4448	1652	11		52
11	24	3	1348	LIPPITT	N	1043	5003	1420	57		57
11	24	3	2209	LIVE OAK	N	1719	4411	2325	11		104
11	24	3	0002	LIVE OAK	N	2000	5004	34	11	118	102
11	24	3	1508	LIVE OAK	N	5109	4459	1543	19		51
11	24	3	1137	LIVENSHERE	N	9034	4459	1217	68		59
11	24	3	1805	LLEWELLYN	N	313	5003	1823	93		91
11	24	3	2251	LOGAN OAKLAND	N		4447	122	42		61
11	24	3	1153	LOGAN	N	2410	4462	1331	72		71
11	24	3	1945	LOVE FIELD	N		4417	1949	39		32
11	24	3	2143	LOVE FIELD	N		4417	2146	39		32
11	24	3	1747	LOVE FIELD	N		4417	1748	39		32
11	24	3	1548	LOVERS LN	N	5656	4448	1603	26		33
11	24	3	1522	LOVETT	N	6622	4495	1631	65		65
11	24	3	2010	LOWERY	N	2503	4448	2019	75		75
11	24	3	1144	LUCKEY LN	N	2719	4448	1202	85	76	79
11	24	3	1924	LUTHER LN	N	5941	4459	2027	48		48
11	24	3	1010	MADDOX	N	8131	4459	1112	68	66	69
11	24	3	0314	MAIN	N	1404	4459	418	102		105
11	24	3	1121	MAIN	N	2000	4485	1349	18	95	102
11	24	3	1811	MAIN	N	2000	4472	1957	08		102
11	24	3	0924	MAIN	N	2026	4428	936	101		102
11	24	3	1352	MALDEN LANE	N	4631	4429	1431	85		86
11	24	3	2030	MANANA	N	2351	4417	2129	35		35
11	24	3	0005	MANOR WAY	N	3304	4462	39	23		32
11	24	3	0752	MANUS	S	607	5003	839	85		83
11	24	3	0045	MARQUITA	S	6172	4422	128	45		44
11	24	3	0902	MARSALIS	N	715	4459	907	91		109
11	24	3	2108	MARSALIS	N	929	4459	2150	91		91
11	24	3	1500	MARSH N WEST HWY	N		4481	1549	32		32
11	24	3	2005	MARTINIQUE	N	802	4443	2019	51		54
11	24	3	0253	MARY DAN	N	7636	4459	436	69		69
11	24	3	0920	MATEUR	N	2718	4417	943	83		85
11	24	3	0119	MCKINNEY	N	1001	4459	150	101		101
11	24	3	0239	MCKINNEY	N	1001	4411	331	16		101
11	24	3	1623	MCKINNEY	N	2403	4448	1638	101		115
11	24	3	0052	MCKINNEY	N	3030	4448	200	118		115
11	24	3	0000	MCKINNEY	N	4225	4448	16	41		41
11	24	3	1935	MCNEAL	N	3519	4459	1957	68		35
11	24	3	1732	MEADOW METROPOLITAN	N		4459	1757	63		62
11	24	3	0921	MERLIN	N	2634	4459	933	61		61

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INFORMATION - APARTMENT NUMBER - BUSINESS

CONTACT COMP.

COMPLAINANT - NAME - ADDRESS - TELEPHONE	NOTES	BY	WRECKER ORDERED
6 DISTURBANCE 20 ROBBERY			
7 ACCIDENT 20A ROBBERY IN PROG.			
8 DRUNK 21 DOG BITE VICT.			AMBULANCE ORDERED
9 THEFT 22 ANIMAL COMP.			
9A THEFT AUTO 22 PARKING VIO.	605	11-21 Nov 24	AM
1 BOMBARD 24 ABANDONED PROP.			
1A BURG. IN BLDG. 24A ABANDONED CAR	3rd floor		TIME RECEIVED
3 SILENT ALARM 25 AGG. ASSAULT	all		Call 11-24
2A AUDIBLE ALARM 26 MISSING PERL.			TIME DISPATCHED
3 PROXIMER 27 DEAD PERSON			
4 CUTTING 28 SICK PERSON	118	mq	Call 11-22
5 MEET OFFICER 29 LOOSE STOCK			ALL 22 NOV 24
6 INJ. PERSON 30 PRISONER PICK UP			
7 GANG FIGHT 31 MALICIOUS MISCH.			
8 FIRE CALL 32 SUSPICIOUS PERL.			
9 SHOOTING 32A SUSPICIOUS IN CAR	118		TIME CLEAR
			Call 11-24

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Exhibit
FF 903

December 1, 1963

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

We used a stop watch to determine time neecessary for a man to walk briskly from the entrance of the Main Street Western Union Office to the location where Oswald was shot. The time needed was 1 minute and 16 seconde.

We also used a stop watch to determine time needed for an automobile to leave the Main Street entrance to the basement, turn left onto Main Street, turn left onto Harwood, and turn left onto Commerce and approach the Commerce Street exit to the City Hall. The time needed was 1 minute and 10 seconde, starting the watch at the time we left the Main Street entrance and stopping at the Commerce Street exit.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

P. G. McCaghren
P. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

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Exhibit
CC 909

November 29, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

On November 29, 1963, Lieutenant Jack Revill and Lieutenant P. G. McCaghren went to the Western Union Telegraph Company offices located at 2034 Main Street and interviewed Mr. Doyal Lane of 6549 Lake Circle, TA 1 0560.

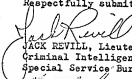
Mr. Lane is a supervisor for the Western Union Telegraph Company and was on duty at this location on November 24, 1963. At 11:16 A.M., Jack Ruby sent a \$25.00 Money Order to an employee and was given a receipt which was stamped with the time (11:16 A.M.).

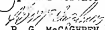
Mr. Lane was shown several photographs, and he readily picked the photograph of Jack Ruby from these and stated that he knew Jack Ruby inasmuch as he had sent several telegrams in the past.

Lieutenants Revill and McCaghren timed, by watch, the amount of time needed to walk from the Western Union offices to the Main Street ramp into the City Hall basement. It takes 1 (one) minute and 13 (thirteen) seconds to walk this distance. It requires another 22 (twenty-two) seconds to walk down the ramp from Main Street to the location where Oswald was shot.

A check of the dispatcher's records reveals that a call was placed for an ambulance at 11:21 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


JACK REVILL, Lieutenant
Criminal Intelligence Section
Special Service Bureau


P. G. McCAGHREN, Lieutenant
Criminal Investigative Division

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EXHIBIT
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Excerpt from recording made by KRID-TV during press interview with Chief Curry on afternoon of November 23, 1963:

"- - - we plan to transfer this man, not tonight. If you men will be here, no later than 10:00 o'clock in the morning, why it will be soon enough - - -"

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Exhibit 909
AP

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Interview with Tony Zoppi

Sir:

At approximately 3:30 pm, December 1, 1963, we interviewed Tony Zoppi at his office at the Dallas Morning News. He said he did not see Jack Ruby in the City Hall, but he had heard that Jack Ruby had been down at the City Hall passing out sandwiches and coffee to newsmen, especially those newsmen from KLLP, and he understood that possibly some of the drinks were furnished to officers as well. That he heard that Jack Ruby was passing out guest passes to newsmen from all parts of the country inviting them to visit the Carousel Club.

He stated that he had visited Jack Ruby's Carousel Club on several occasions and at that time he had noticed that Detectives would come in and check the place in a business like manner and leave. That he had also visited other night spots, and detectives also checked those places in what he would consider business like manner.

He also stated he does not know how Jack Ruby could have gotten into the basement of City Hall. That he does not know whether or not he had a press pass, and that he does not believe of his own knowledge that Jack Ruby knew Oswald.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

F. G. McCaghren
F. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

I arrived at the City Hall at 8:30 A. M. and went to the 3rd floor as directed. I was then told to report to the Assembly Room for assignment. Upon arriving at the Assembly Room, I was assigned by Reserve Sgt. Croy to stand by the Basement Information Desk and direct all reserve officers to report to the Assembly Room for assignment. At approximately 9:15 A. M. Reserve Capt. Arnett moved me to the parking area in the basement. I was to keep any cars from parking in the first two parking places on the North side of parking area. I stood at this post till about ten or fifteen minutes before Lee Harvey Oswald was shot. I was moved from the post by Lt. McCoy and assigned to the corner of Commerce and Central Expressway (Northbound) to help the regular patrolman (Burton) direct traffic and was at this location when the prisoner, Lee Harvey Oswald, was shot. The regular officer (Burton) was sent to Parkland Hospital and I returned to the basement of City Hall. Reserve Lt. McCoy assigned me to the basement entrance (North) to keep the people from blocking the drive to the basement. I stayed at this assignment till 12:00 Noon, at which time I was relieved and went home.

I had met Jack Rubenstein when working with Squad 105, five or six months ago. I did not see him in any part of the City Hall on November 24, 1963. I probably would not have recognized him if I had seen him, since I had only seen him one time.

Signed

G. E. Worley, Jr.
G. E. Worley, Jr., Reserve Patrolman
Badge 516

November 30, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Dear Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Patrolman Gano E. Worley, 51b ✓

On November 30, 1963 Reserve Officer, Patrolman Gano E. Worley was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

Worley stated that he would like to add that at approximately 10:30 a.m. from his position in the first two parking places on the north side of the parking area in the basement he saw a man come down the north ramp and jump over the rail into the the parking area. He described this man as being a white male, 35, 5 feet, 8 inches, 175 pounds, wearing tan khaki trousers, tan khaki shirt, and hip length zip-up light brown jacket. This man was stopped and was identified by one of the officers in the basement as being a maintenance man for the city of Dallas.

Patrolman Worley further states that he has not been contacted by any federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Cornwall
F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Jack Revill
Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Gurry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment Of Officer
Marvin L. Wise #1572
On Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, working Squad 71, I was advised to report to Station 511. This was at approximately 9:00 A.M. I remained at Station 511 until told by Lieutenant Pierce to report to the basement and stand by for assignment. This was at about 10:15 A.M. I reported to Sergeant Dean and was assigned traffic assignment at Elm and St. Paul by Sergeant Dean. I remained at St. Paul and Elm until approximately 11:35 A.M.

I was then advised by radio to report to Parkland Hospital Command Post. I remained at Parkland Hospital until 1:45 P.M. I then cleared with the Dispatcher.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin L. Wise
Marvin L. Wise
Patrolman #1572
Patrol Division

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November 29, 1963

Statement of Marvin L. Wise:

I was assigned to traffic at Elm and St. Paul, and I left the City Hall at approximately 11:00 A. M., and did not return prior to the shooting.

I know Jack Ruby and was in the basement to the City Hall from about 10:15 A. M. to 11:00 A. M., and I did not see him in or near the City Hall.

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Murder of Lee H. Oswald

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, my tour of duty was from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. My assignment was the Jail Office and the Jail. I had no instructions to provide security outside the Jail and Jail Office.

I received a call, and I do not remember who called me, which told me they were bringing Oswald down from the third floor. I had hung up the phone when I noticed the elevator was enroute to the basement, and as the elevator opened at approximately 11:20 a.m., Captain Fritz and four detectives brought Lee H. Oswald from the jail elevator taking him into the basement to transfer him to the County.

Captain Fritz asked if everything was in readiness, and I stepped outside the Jail Office into the hallway leading to the basement where I stopped. Captain Fritz came out of the Jail Office, followed by the detectives and Oswald.

They had passed where I was standing approximately six or seven feet when I saw a man lunge toward Oswald and heard a shot. I saw several officers grab the man with the pistol and wrestle him to the floor. Immediately, they picked him up and brought him into the Jail Office and disarmed him. They then brought Oswald into the Jail Office and laid him on the floor. I called for a doctor and an ambulance, Code 3.

As they were taking the man who did the shooting from the floor, I recognized him as Jack Ruby, who is a night club operator and well known in police circles. Ruby was placed on the Jail elevator and taken upstairs.

The Jail Intern came into the Jail Office and tried to give Oswald some attention, but the ambulance arrived, he was placed in it and taken to Parkland Hospital.

I have known Ruby for several years. I have been in his businesses, The Silver Spur, 1717 S. Ervay, and The Vagas Club, 3508 Oak Lawn, both on and off duty. My visits to his places of business while on duty were for police business. My visits to his places of business while off duty were for personal recreation for my wife, myself and friends.

I have not been in his places of business, nor have I seen him, in the last three or four years. I did not see him in the basement prior to the shooting of Oswald.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Wiggins
W. Wiggins
Lieutenant of Police
Service Division

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STATEMENT OF LT. WOODROW WIGGINS:

I cannot recall anything that is not included in my report.

November 30, 1963

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
Interview of J. C. Watson

Sir:

J. C. Watson was interviewed by Lieutenant C. C. Wallace and P. G. McCaghren at 3:30pm on November 29, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 24, 1963. The following was added by J. C. Watson:

I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby. I have seen this person on one occasion at a club on Oak Lawn approximately 3 or 4 years ago. I do not know this man. I did not see him in the basement of the City Hall prior to the shooting. I only saw him after the shooting when there were detectives all around him.

I never saw the man Jack Ruby around the City Hall before.

I have no idea how Jack Ruby got into the City Hall basement.

I was interviewed by Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Scott at 7:30pm Wednesday night.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace
Lieutenant of Juvenile Bureau
Dallas Police Department

P. G. McCaghren
P. G. McCaghren
Lieutenant of Burglary & Theft Bureau
Dallas Police Department

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November 27, 1963

Oswald on the stretcher carried from the jail office to the waiting ambulance. I remained in the basement, and on orders from Captain Jones and Lieutenant Smart, checked everyone coming or going for the next one to two hours.

I never saw the suspect or the gun before the shot was fired, then the officers covered the suspect and took him to the jail office. I never saw the gun after it was fired, but tried to keep press and all back so the officers could handle the suspect and Oswald. This is all I know or saw.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Watson

J. C. Watson
Detective
Criminal Investigation Division

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

I should like to submit the following report of the events occurring in the basement on November 24, 1963.

I was in a group of detectives under Captain Jones and Lieutenant Smart on November 24, 1963, at about 11:30 a.m. or a little later. The group was to assist in keeping press men and photographers back while Captain Fritz and his men brought Lee Harvey Oswald down from the City Jail to an armored truck waiting at the top of the basement ramp. The Dallas Sheriff's Office was waiting with the armored truck to transfer Oswald to the County Sheriff's office for confinement.

I was standing at the northwest corner of the driveway opening in the basement approximately 26 feet east of the jail office door.

As Captain Fritz came out of the jail door and came east toward the parking area in the basement, he was followed closely by Lee Harvey Oswald with detectives holding both arms and other detectives immediately behind Oswald. As I saw Captain Fritz and then looked at Oswald and the detectives holding and pulling up him, they reached a point just past the corner where they would turn right to go up the ramp approximately 75 feet to the waiting armored car.

I was looking to the right back toward the jail office and hall in front of the jail office. At this time I heard a loud noise like a gun firing or a firecracker. I never saw anyone as I was looking right and the sound was muffled as if it were a gun jammed close to someone and fired. As I looked back left, six or eight detectives or more grabbed a man and wrestled him to the floor. I did not touch him as there were too many officers on him already.

The officers carried the suspect back to the jail office. During this time I was watching press men and photographers to keep down any interference. I just stayed in the immediate area and tried to keep anyone from leaving. I then went to the jail office door and kept unauthorized persons out and, as I looked in, I saw the suspect clearly lying on the floor, being held by Police.

I guarded the jail door until they took Oswald out to a waiting ambulance in this same basement driveway. I saw

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry,
Chief of Police.

Subject: Assignment of Officer
R. A. Watkins on
Sunday, November 24, 1963.

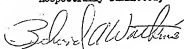
Sir:

On November 24, 1963, at 10:20 A.M., I was told to report to the basement. Captain Jones advised me, along with several detectives, to stand by near the Jail Office entrance in the garage part of the basement.

Officer D. L. Pate came down the ramp and said he needed some assistance at the ramp entrance to the basement on the Commerce Street side. The armored truck was already in position at the entrance. Sergeant Dean told me to report to the top of the Commerce Street ramp on the East side of the armored car with instructions to keep unauthorized persons out.

I remained at this location until I was relieved by Officer W. J. Harrison at approximately 12:15 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,



Richard A. Watkins
Patrolman, #1419
Patrol Division

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November 30, 1963

STATEMENT OF RICHARD A. WATKINS:

I reported to the City Hall at 10:20 A. M., and was given an assignment on garage side of the double doors leading into the jail.

I stayed at this location for ten or fifteen minutes and then Sergeant Dean assigned me to the head of the ramp by the armored car. The armored car was parked so close to the West Wall, it would have been impossible for anyone to have passed through on the West Side.

No one entered the basement through the Commerce Street ramp before the shooting, after I was assigned there.

I do not know Jack Ruby.

December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of I. N. Walker, WBAP-TV.
6913 Hightower
Ft. Worth, Texas
GII-5549 - ANA-2484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Mr. Walker stated he was in the WBAP-TV Mobile Unit truck parked outside the Dallas City Hall on Commerce Street, approximately one cars length west of Commerce Street exit.

Walker stated that on two occasions the same man came over to the truck and asked him through the truck window, "Have they brought Oswald down yet?" Mr. Walker said he was very busy and does not know exactly what he answered the man. Walker does not know what time the man came by or how long before the shooting. He said there was no way he could establish the time.

Mr. Walker stated he had been talked to by FBI agents and could not identify the mug shots of Jack Ruby but recognized the man that asked him the question "Have they brought Oswald down yet?" as Jack Ruby from a picture in a Dallas paper on Monday morning following the shooting. This picture showed Ruby with a hat on.

Mr. Walker seems positive in his identification of Jack Ruby and said this person came up to his truck window (open) twice, and he saw him from a very close distance.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

CCW:nw

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Incident involving Lee
Harvey Oswald

Sir:

At approximately 10:30 A. M., November 24, 1963, I was working as a detective assigned to the Forgery Bureau detail and was on duty stationed in the basement of the city hall directly in front of the pay telephone booths at the exit to the basement into the driveway parking area in the basement to await further security instructions from Captain O. A. Jones.

I stayed in this general area until Captain Jones arrived and gave instructions to about twenty-five detectives including myself. We were placed in two lines to give maximum security to the prisoner.

A blue detective's car was backed into position which blocked my view when the deceased was brought from the hallway. I saw a sudden movement from the suspect and heard a gun blast. There were so many reporters that pushed their way forward that I was unable to get to the suspect. I jumped across the trunk of the car and grabbed the suspect, and there were two other officers attempting to wrestle the gun away from him. We all fell to the floor where the suspect was subdued and disarmed.

Respectfully,

R. C. Wagner
R. C. Wagner
Detective 1480
Forgery Bureau

RCW:ms

November 30, 1963

J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
Interviewing of R. C. Wagner

Sir:

R. C. Wagner was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. G. McCaghren at 3:50pm on November 29, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was added by R. C. Wagner:

I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby and have been shown a picture of him. I do not know him. To my knowledge I have never seen this person before. I do not recall seeing this person in the basement prior to the shooting. I do not have any idea how Jack Ruby got in to the City Hall.

I was standing by the foot of the Commerce Street ramp 10 minutes before the shot was fired. I know that Jack Ruby did not come down this ramp because no unidentified person came by me.

After the shooting, I assisted in taking Ruby to the jail office. I stayed with the Doctor and helped him with Oswald. I helped lift the stretcher and put it in the ambulance.

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding this incident.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace
Lieutenant of Juvenile Bureau
Dallas Police Department

P. G. McCaghren
P. G. McCaghren
Lieutenant of Burglary & Theft Bureau
Dallas Police Department

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment Of Officer
Homer J. Wages #1305
On Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

At approximately 9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was working Squad #93 with Officer T. R. Gregory and was advised to report to Station 511 on Special Assignment. We arrived at Station 511 at about 9:20 A.M. and remained there until approximately 9:45 A.M. when we were told to go to the basement to get our assignments. I remained in the basement until given my assignment by the supervisors in charge. My assignment was to stop traffic at Main Street and Central Expressway. After I received my assignment, I immediately went to my corner and remained there until about 11:50 A.M. when I was advised to report to Parkland Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer J. Wages
Patrolman #1305
Patrol Division

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November 30, 1963

STATEMENT OF H. J. WAGERS:

I left the basement of the City Hall about 10:45 A. M., to go to my traffic corner at Main and Central Expressway.

I do not know Jack Ruby.

December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of Homer Vanzo - WEAP-TV.
1812 Junius
Ft. Worth, Texas
JES-0530 - AN4-2484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Mr. Vanzo stated he came to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, with WEAP-TV camera crew, and went to the basement of the City Hall with Jimmie L. Turner, WEAP-TV about 8:00 a.m. They wanted to set up their camera just outside the double doors near Jail Office, but Chief Curry came down and told them they would have to move from there. They were advised to set up behind the rail, and the cars were moved so they could set-up just east of the rail.

Mr. Vanzo said he was working with camera and was not checked for identification. He said he could not remember any cars going out the Main Street ramp. He said that he does not know Jack Ruby, and did not remember seeing the person there prior to shooting.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

CCM:rw

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: R. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December 6, 1963

Subject: Polygraph Examination
Roy E. Vaughn

A polygraph examination was given Roy E. Vaughn (W/V/2E) at the request of Deputy Chief H. T. Fisher. This examination was given on November 28, 1963. Below is a list of pertinent questions that were asked during this examination.

1. Did you see Jack Ruby near the Main Street entrance of the City Hall between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. last Sunday morning? Answer --No
 2. Did you allow Jack Ruby to enter the basement of the City Hall last Sunday morning? Answer --No
 3. Did you talk with Jack Ruby last Sunday morning? Answer --No
 4. Did you allow anybody to enter the basement of the City Hall last Sunday morning that did not show you proper identification other than the two men you told Chief Fisher about? Answer --No
- No Number: Did you lie to Chief Fisher regarding this incident? Answer --No

Have you told Chief Fisher the complete truth regarding this incident? Answer --Yes

It is the opinion of this Examiner this person answered each of the questions with the truth.

P. L. Bentley
Detective of Police
Identification Bureau

The only reason you and I are here is to assist the people of Dallas

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer
Ray E. Vaughn #1939
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

At approximately 9:00 A.M. while working Squad 109, Officer Ray E. Vaughn received a call to call Extension 511. Officer E. C. Taylor advised me to report to the City Hall and to join the squad car on the street and report to Station 511.

At approximately 9:15 A.M. or 9:30 A.M., Lieutenant R. S. McLeod told Officers A. B. Block and E. C. Patterson; R. C. Nelson, I to report to Sergeant Patrick T. Dean in the basement of the City Hall.

Officer E. C. Patterson and I were instructed by Sergeant Dean to guard the north and south wings of the City Hall. I was assigned to the Main Street Ramp.

During this time there were several police vehicles which contained police officers that entered the basement by this ramp.

At approximately 10:15 A.M. Detective Officer R. J. Daniels on this location and remained until after the shooting occurred.

At approximately 11:13 A.M. a city squad car which contained Detective, Sergeant Hany and Sergeant Lutz entered by this ramp.

At approximately 11:21 A.M. I heard what sounded to be a shot, stopped by the post and allowed no one to enter or leave the basement. After the shooting, about five (5) police reserves were taken up to assist with the crowd and traffic.

At approximately 12:40 P.M. a white male approached me at this post and advised that he was an employee of Jack Ruby and would like to be taken about this. I escorted this person to the basement of the City Hall after being followed on my post by a police reserve and Captain Fritts' office and Detective Lloyd were to the basement a custody of this person.

I contacted Lieutenant Pierce in the Patrol Office and he advised to secure the post and return to service with the Dispatcher.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray E. Vaughn
November 26, 1963

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I called N. J. Daniels the next day about 9:00 a.m. I told him who I was and that I remembered seeing him. I asked if he remembered seeing the squad car come out. He said that he did. I asked him if he saw anybody go into the basement while I was assisting the car to get out, and he said he definitely did not see anyone.

November 29, 1963

STATEMENT BY ROY E. VAUGHN

During the time I was guarding the Main Street Ramp several squad cars with prisoners came into the basement. I checked each car and occupant to make sure.

About 30 minutes prior to the shooting Tommy, a City mechanic, attempted to drive a police car into the basement and I stopped him. He parked the squad a short distance away and came back to where I was standing and told me that he had to go into the basement to check the automobile or parking situation and I let him through. He explained that he had worked late the two previous days.

I noticed that Sergeant Dean was talking to Tommy at the bottom of the ramp and Tommy came back up the ramp and stayed around a few minutes and left.

A United or Associated Press reporter in his middle twenties identified himself by an official press card and I let him through. This to the best of my knowledge was about twenty minutes prior to the shooting.

At approximately 2 or 3 minutes prior to the shooting Lieutenant Pierce, Sergeant Haxey and Sergeant Putnam drove a squad car up the ramp onto Main Street. This was the only car that drove out the Main Street Ramp while I was on duty. As this car came up the ramp I was standing in the middle between the raised sides and I stepped to the right by the car and walked to the edge of the street to assist them onto Main. Traffic was not heavy but was steady. I do not recall whether or not it was necessary to stop any cars for them. As soon as they drove out I assumed my previous position between the raised portions of the ramp.

There were about 6 people standing on the sidewalk on the west side of the ramp. Ex-officer W. J. Daniels was standing on the east side of the ramp. One of the group on the west side was one of our ex-shine boys. He had a pair of binoculars. Pedestrian traffic was very light. The ones that came by would generally look down the ramp but be on their way.

I met Jack Ruby in 1959 and I have seen him once since that time. I do not believe that I would recognize Ruby if I passed him on the street but probably would if I had a conversation with him. I have not seen him to know him since December of 1961.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment Of Officer
Roy E. Vaughn #1539 ✓
Sundry, November 24, 1963

Sir:

At approximately 9:00 A.M. while working Squad 105, Officer Roy E. Vaughn received a call to call Extension 511. Officer B. C. Taylor advised me to report to the City Hall and to park the squad car on the street and report to Station 511.

At approximately 9:15 A.M. or 9:30 A.M., Lieutenant R. S. Pierce told Officers A. R. Brock and B. G. Patterson; R. C. Nelson, and I to report to Sergeant Patrick T. Dean in the basement of the City Hall.

Officer B. G. Patterson and I were instructed by Sergeant Dean to guard the north and south ramps of the City Hall. I was assigned to the Main Street Ramp.

During this time there were several police vehicles which contained police officers that entered the basement by this ramp.

At approximately 10:15 A.M. Ex-Police Officer R. J. Daniels came by this location and remained until after the shooting occurred.

At approximately 11:10 A.M. a city squad car which contained Lieutenant Pierce, Sergeant Haney and Sergeant Putnam exited by this ramp.

At approximately 11:21 A.M. I heard what sounded to be a shot, I stayed by the post and allowed no one to enter or leave the basement area. After the shooting, about five (5) police reserves were sent to this ramp to assist with the crowd and traffic.

At approximately 12:45 P.M. a white male approached me at this entrance and stated that he was an employee of Jack Ruby and would like to talk to someone about this. I escorted this person to the basement of the City Hall after being relieved on my post by a police reserve and called Capt. in Fritz's office and Detective Boyd came to the basement and took custody of this person.

I contacted Lieutenant Pierce in the Patrol Office and he advised me to secure the post and return to service with the Dispatcher.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Vaughn

December 2, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
Interview of I. F. Van Cleave

Sir:

I. F. Van Cleave was interviewed by Lieutenants P. G. McCaghren and C. C. Wallace at 8:30 am on December 2, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. I. F. Van Cleave had this to add:

I do know Jack Ruby vaguely. He was a complainant several years ago on one of my beefs. If Ruby was in the crowd, I did not recognize him.

My position was inside the double door leading onto the ramp. I came down the elevator with several other detectives and two TV cameramen.

I was not in a position to see the shooting.

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. McCaghren
P. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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Mr. Turner arranged for me to view the video tape of the Oswald shooting, and introduced me to Mr. Jett Jemison, who is going to make us a film of the video tape. This film will be available soon.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace

C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

CCW:mw

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December 18, 1963

Subject: Jimmie L. Turner
6327 Norma
Ft. Worth, Texas
GII-2355 - AM-2484
WDAP-TV

Sir:

Mr. Turner stated that he was sent to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, and that he was with Homer Vause, and that they had their WHP-TV camera set up in the City Hall basement by 9:15 a.m.

Their TV camera was located behind the railing on the east side of the ramp driveway. Turner stated he was behind the camera and near Jack Duers. Turner stated he had a press card or press pass, and was not questioned. He said he saw officers searching basement area and checking shortly early Sunday morning.

Mr. Turner said that he knew there was some question about a third man on the last TV camera to be brought into the basement, shortly before the shooting, and that he could clear up this question.


Turner stated that as the camera was brought into the basement, he climbed over the rail, and joined the other two men (Tankerley and Simmons - WDAP-TV) and assisted them get the camera through driveway.

Mr. Turner stated he saw Jack Ruby just a split second before the shot was fired. He did not know Ruby prior to shooting and does not recall seeing this man in basement.

Mr. Turner stated that after the shooting, their camera view was blocked and they moved their camera to the right of Channel 4 camera, and shot scenes of basement from that position.

at this intersection to let an ambulance and squad car proceed west on Elm Street, Code 3. At this time I checked by Radio to see if any other emergency vehicles were in this vicinity and to see if we would be needed elsewhere. I was advised to stand by my present position. At this time Sergeant Flusche working Squad 40 stopped at my location. I heard on his radio the Dispatcher ask for a two man squad and someone told the Dispatcher Squad 53 was a two man squad. The Dispatcher called me and I was advised to pick up my partner, Max E. Farris, at Elm and Lamar, then proceed Code #3 to Parkland Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald L. Tolbert
Patrolman #1473
Patrol Division

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment Of Officer
Gerald L. Tolbert #1473
On Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

At approximately 9:25 A.M. on Sunday, November 24, 1963, while working Squad 53, with M. E. Farris #1852, we received a call on the Radio to contact Station 511 by telephone. M. E. Farris at this time made contact with Station 511 on the telephone and Squad 53 was advised to report to Station 511 on markout.

On arrival at Station 511 we were advised by other officers present to stand by at Station 511 until approximately 10 A.M. when we would be needed to transfer Lee H. Oswald to County Jail. At approximately 10:15 A.M. I was ordered to report to the basement of City Hall. On arrival I was instructed by Sergeant J. A. Putnam to back Squad Car #122 out of marked off basement parking area and line it up behind the station wagon at the north end of the basement, then stand by to drive squad car number 122 to the County in escort for the transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald.

I was then advised by Sergeant Putnam to back squad car #122 into the parking area again and get three other officers to accompany me in the car. They were M. E. Farris, D. K. Erwin, and W. E. Hibbs. After I did this, I was advised by Sergeant Putnam to stand by the bottom of north ramp to City Hall Basement and check any vehicle that came down the ramp. No cars came down the ramp while I was standing at this position.

At approximately 10:55 A.M. I was taken off of this position by Sergeant Putnam and was assigned to the Elm Street and Pearl Expressway to work traffic. I was told Lee Harvey Oswald was to be transferred by armored car. A squad car would proceed the armored car and I was to halt traffic at my intersection until escort had cleared the intersection and then I was to proceed to the County Jail to assist with crowds at this location. I got in my squad and proceeded to my assignment. I arrived on my traffic corner at approximately 11:15 A.M. While standing at the intersection of Elm and Pearl, I observed two armored cars turn west on Elm Street from Pearl Expressway and proceed down Elm to Harwood. At approximately 11:25 A.M. a citizen stopped at the intersection and informed me that Lee Harvey Oswald had been shot in the basement of the City Hall. At this time I heard sirens and a squad car came down Pearl Expressway, and turned west on Elm to Harwood, running Code Three. A short time later I stopped traffic

November 29, 1963

Statement of Officer Gerald L. Tolbert:

I was assigned to drive car #122 as an escort for the transfer of the prisoner.

This assignment was changed at 10:55 A. M., and I was assigned to work traffic at Elm and Pearl Streets. I left the City Hall at this time and did not return prior to the shooting.

I do not know Jack Ruby.

December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of
David Timmons, WEAP-TV
1900 Marigold
Ft. Worth, Texas
TE4-3940 - AN4-2484

Sir:

Mr. Timmons stated he was with John Tankerley, also of WEAP-TV and that they came to Dallas, early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963. They took their camera to the third floor of City Hall and spent some time there.

They also had a short interview with Chief Curry and came down elevator and into basement some 5 to 10 minutes before the shooting.

They were assisted by Mr. Turner in the basement, but still did not have time to get their camera hooked up. They pushed their camera down the driveway to the basement parking area and tied it up to railing to keep someone from knocking it over.

Mr. Timmons said he remembered two cars going out the Main Street ramp but does not have any idea what kind of cars or who was in the cars. Mr. Timmons said that just before the shooting he moved up to their other camera with Vense and Turner and was behind the camera assisting them at the time of the shooting.

Mr. Timmons stated he did not know Ruby prior to the shooting, and did not see this man in basement prior to shooting.

He stated that since he came in with the WEAP-TV camera, that his press card was not checked.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

Excerpt from recording made by Robert Mornton - WFAA
immediately before and during shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
on November 24, 1963:

" - - - automobile horn sound (in the background) Get out of
the way (in the background) Here comes - - shot - - Harvey -
Oh, no. Oh my God. Somebody just shot Lee Harvey Oswald -
- - - -"

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December 5, 1963

Re: Interview with Robert Thornton
WFAA News - 7817 Millstone

Sir:

Mr. Thornton arrived at the basement of the City Hall at approximately 10:00 a.m. Sunday, November 24, 1963. He left the City Hall and called his office and was instructed to return to the basement of the City Hall and was only gone approximately 10 minutes. He was required to show his identification as he re-entered the ramp of the City Hall. He was standing near the Northwest corner of the basement corridor ramp area and recorded the events of the shooting.

Mr. Thornton's tape consists of his recounting Oswald's appearance on the ramp, the sound of a shot preceded by a horn blast and a description of the melee as followed. We obtained 7 1/2 speed tape from Mr. Thornton.

Mr. Thornton stated he does not know Jack Ruby and did not see this man before the shot was fired.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. McCaghren
P. J. McCaghren
Lieutenant, Burglary & Theft Bureau

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace
Lieutenant, Juvenile Bureau

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Mr. J. M. Curry
Chief of Police

November 26, 1963

Subject: Assignment of Officer
Lester C. Taylor On
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 I was assigned to the Patrol Captain's Office. At approximately 11:00 A.M., Officer Taylor went to the basement of the Police and Courts Building to Station 905. I was contacted by Captain C. E. Thibert. He asked if we were busy upstairs and I told him "no". Captain Thibert advised me to go out on the ramp and see if I could be of any assistance. I contacted Corporal Patrick T. Dunn who assigned me beside the damaged car on the Commerce Street ramp on the east side of the vehicle. Later Officer R. A. Watkins came up on the ramp and took a position at my location.

Just before Oswald was brought out, Officer D. L. Tate asked me to come on down to the bottom of the ramp and help him keep the reporters from coming up the ramp to the damaged car. This was my location when Oswald was shot.

To the best of my knowledge I let one (1) person into the building from my location. He was a white male approximately 6'2", 190 pounds, with grey hair, no hat. This man had a press card, color green.

Officer Watkins was at my location when this man was admitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester C. Taylor
Lester C. Taylor
Patrolman #1450
Patrol Division

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Mr. J. M. Curry
Chief of Police

November 26, 1963

Subject: Assignment of Officer
Dexter C. Taylor On
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 I was assigned to the Patrol Captain's Office. At approximately 11:00 A.M., Officer Taylor went to the basement of the Police and Courts Building to Station 305. I was contacted by Captain C. E. Talbert. He asked if we were busy upstairs and I told him "no". Captain Talbert advised me to go out on the ramp and see if I could be of any assistance. I contacted Sergeant Patrick T. Dean who assigned me beside the armored car on the Causee Street ramp on the east side of the vehicle. Later Officer R. A. Watkins came up on the ramp and took a position at my location.

Just before Oswald was brought out, Officer D. L. Tate asked me to come on down to the bottom of the ramp and help him keep the reporters from coming up the ramp to the armored car. This was my location when Oswald was shot.

To the best of my knowledge I let one (1) person into the building from my location. He was a white male approximately 6'2", 190 pounds, with grey hair, no hat. This man had a press card, color green.

Officer Watkins was at my location when this man was admitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dexter C. Taylor
Dexter C. Taylor
Patrolman #1430
Patrol Division

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November 29, 1963

STATEMENT OF L. C. TAYLOR

At 11:00 a.m. I was assigned to guard the Commerce Street Ramp. An armored car was parked, headed toward Commerce at the ramp entrance. The car was parked so close against the West wall that no one could possibly squeeze through. After I took my position on the East side of the armored car, R. A. Watkins arrived and assisted me in guarding the entrance. No one came through this entrance prior to the shooting.

I met Jack Ruby about 1959 when he owned the Vegas Club and I was working that district. I have not seen Ruby in the last two or three years. I did not see him in or near the City Hall prior to the shooting.

December 18, 1963

Mr. C. M. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of John Tankersley
MEMO-TV
1967 Miami
Ft. Worth, Texas
GLJ-1823 - 22A-2484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Mr. Tankersley stated he came to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, with crew from MEMO-TV. He was working with David Williams. They went to the third floor of the City Hall and were at Chief Curry's office until 10 to 15 minutes before the shooting. They went down on the elevator to the basement area, which their camera cut through the double doors into the basement driveway area. He says their camera was mounted on a tripod as high as possible and was over the crowd, making the camera top-heavy, and at one time it nearly tipped over, but one of the detectives helped steady the camera. He also remembered that Jimmie Turner came across the rail and helped them push the camera out into the basement parking area. They did not have time to get the camera into operation, and tied it to the railing.

Mr. Tankersley said that when Oswald was brought out, he was standing in the area that leads to basement parking. He remembers the movement of some notes about the time of the shooting. He did not know Jack Ruby or see him prior to shooting.

Mr. Tankersley gave me a short 16mm film of the shooting. This film is one that he had for himself and said we could have it, and he would ask another later.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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Sergeant Steele contacted Captain Lawrence for additional officers for intersection coverage. ~~As the vehicle cleared the city hall~~ all officers and reserves at the City Hall were to report by a parallel route to the County Jail. I would use Channel Two and tell Sergeant Steele to cut it. He had a motorcycle officer to send to Elm and Field to instruct the officers on the corners to divert all traffic from Elm between Field and Houston. Regular traffic was heavy.

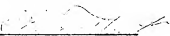
After the Armored Car arrived we sent a plain car out the Main Street side. This was the lead car and contained Lieutenant Pierce driving, Sergeant Putnam on the right front, and Sergeant B. J. Maxey in the rear.

A Homicide Detective pulled a plain car on the ramp behind the armored car then another Homicide Detective pulled in behind him and attempted to straighten his car and back up. Several reserve officers and I were attempting to push the news people back to give the vehicle room to maneuver. I was pushing several people back at the left front fender when the shot was fired. I assisted the officers in clearing news personnel from the prisoner and officers who were down then ordered that no one was to be permitted out of the basement.

I checked the parking area several times and saw no unauthorized personnel. I removed a number of people from the first floor and basement lobby, this was a continuous check prior to the transfer.

After the prisoner entered the ambulance and I gathered my personnel from Elm and reported to Parkland Hospital, we secured the hospital.

Respectfully submitted,


Cecil E. Talbert
Captain of Police
Patrol Division

CET/bb *MS*

After the area was secured and cleared only officers, reserves, and accredited news press were permitted to re-enter. Identification of the news personnel was made by their press credentials. All civilian employees of the Department were cleared from the basement lobby and instructed to remain at their desk.

Officer R. C. Nelson and a reserve officer were stationed in the hall leading to the jail service windows. The door from the jail to the lobby remained locked and the public used the first window, set at an angle, to conduct jail business.

Detective Beatty and Lowery remained with the officers during most of the period the parking and prisoner area was closed off. Everyone conducting business at the jail was scrutinized and if they did not appear to have legitimate business, they were conducted from the basement.

There was little traffic on Main and no one loitering. A large crowd was gathering on Commerce. I had everyone removed from the City Hall side (north) of Commerce to the south side. Sergeant Steele and Reserve Harrison checked the buildings opposite the basement drive for possible snipers.

The information received from the FBI by Captain Frazier was: two calls from males stated "one hundred of us will kill Oswald before he gets to the County Jail". Due to this and the crowds formation I built up my personnel on the Commerce Street side.

I called Homicide and told Detective Beck of the parking area check and asked if Captain Fritz wanted uniformed officers to proceed and follow the transfer vehicle. He said Captain Fritz was with the prisoner and they would let me know. I prepared three plain and three marked cars to use either type Homicide desired.

I was contacted by Chief Stevenson and Chief Lumpkin regarding an armored car. It was to back into the drive as far as possible from Commerce. When it arrived two more officers were stationed at the bottom of the Commerce Street ramp with instructions that no one was to pass up or down the ramp after the prisoner passed them. Due to its height, the armored car could only be backed in a short distance.

Before the arrival of the Armored Car, Chief Lumpkin, Chief Stevenson, and I discussed the route and traffic obstructions. They were reportedly six hundred (600) people around the County Jail. I instructed Sergeant Steele to place a regular officer at each traffic light with his squad car close by. The lead car would flash its lights as they approached and the officer would cut all opposing traffic. After the vehicle passed they were to enter their cars and follow to the County Jail to assist with any trouble. The entire traffic detail was in the County Jail Area.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Security Of Police Parking
And Prisoner Loading Area
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

At approximately 9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963 I discussed the need for coverage against possible violence around the City Hall with Lieutenant R. S. Pierce. I instructed him to call three squads from their district assignments from the three stations and pull four from Headquarters Station, getting two man squads where possible. The officers were to be in Central Station with their squad cars parked on the street, available for immediate use but dispersed in parking, not later than 9:30 A.M. Out of thirteen squads we obtained a total of nineteen (19) patrolmen. Supervisors at the station for the security were Lieutenant Pierce, Sergeant P. T. Dean, Sergeant Putnam, Sergeant Steele, and I. Lieutenant Wiggins was in the Jail Office.

Lieutenant Pierce instructed Sergeant Dean to secure all entrances and exits to the parking and prisoner loading area, then clear the basement of all personnel other than police, and reserves. Sergeant Putnam was instructed to assist in the assignment.

The area in which the prisoner Oswald would be escorted was to be thoroughly searched. Areas searched were the cars parked in the basement, including their trunks, and engine compartments, the tops of all pipes, and air conditioning ducts, the service rooms opening into the basement were to be locked after clearing them of personnel. The building elevators were cut off on the first floor so they could not be used to reach the basement and the parking attendants were sent from the basement to the first floor of the City Hall with instructions to remain with the elevators to prevent tampering. The City Hall service elevator is a self-service type but had an operator. This man was instructed that he was not to go below the first floor until notified. The service elevator from the sub basement of the Police and Courts Building exit, into the basement parking area and has no doors to lock so a reserve officer was stationed there.

The sergeants used a total of seventeen (17) regular and reserve officers to execute the search. The extra officers were held in the sergeant's room at my office and the reserves were retained in the assembly room. These officers were not permitted in the basement to insure no confusion in the systematic search.

November 29, 1963

Statement of Captain C. R. Talbott ✓

I was in charge of the Radio Patrol personnel and we had secured the basement from all unauthorized personnel, including all civilian employees, Records Bureau personnel, porters, parking attendants and elevator operators.

I met Jack Ruby about two years ago for only a minute, and after his arrest I recognized his face, but did not connect him with the name of Jack Ruby.

I did not see this man in the basement prior to the shooting.

By Captain Talbott

I glanced quickly to my right from my left motioning some of these people to move backward as the vehicle was also moving backward. At this time I heard a gun discharge. With my arms out stretched, I wheeled to my left over my shoulder. I saw officers struggling with the person who had apparently shot Oswald, and other officers were moving Oswald back into the jail office.

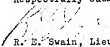
Almost at the time the shot was fired, the news media and photographers plunged forward upon the scene. I immediately forced them backwards while the other officers were subduing the person who fired the shot. I was able to contain these people until additional help arrived. Some of the officers that I know came to my assistance very quick were Sgt. P. T. Dean, Detectives H. L. McGee, and I. F. Van Cleave. At the time the prisoner Oswald emerged from the jail office, the central area of the ramp was clear except for photographers and news media who were blocking the vehicle.

While I was moving those persons blocking the ramp on my right and to the south, I glanced toward the prisoner Oswald and saw two or possibly three news media to the left of Detective Graves, and slightly in front of him, they had microphones to portable recorders stuck up in front of Oswald and Graves. I know that Officer W. J. Harrison was several feet to my left in front of the TV lights, and to the best of my knowledge he was facing the lights just prior to the time the shot was fired. Along with several officers I continued to restrain the photographers and news media while the ambulance arrived and took the prisoner Oswald from the basement.

I remained in the basement area until it was cleared. During this time, Officer Harrison told me that the person who fired the shot was Jack Ruby. I have known Jack Ruby since about 1948. I have not seen him since about 1948 or 1949.

I am sure the man Ruby did not pass between Officer Harrison and myself.

Respectfully submitted,


R. E. Swain, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

RMS/1h

December 4, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

I had been available to Captain Fritz's office most of the morning of November 24, 1963. I was in this office shortly before 11:00am. Seeing that preparations were under way to move Oswald out of the building, I stepped across the hall to the Burglary and Theft Office and instructed the men who were standing by to report to the jail office two at a time. These men were instructed to assist in any manner needed.

About 11:00am, the party in Captain Fritz's office started moving out. I was the first out of the office; walking to the hall door leading to the jail elevator. I unlocked this door and admitted Captain Fritz, Detective Leavelle, Graves, and Montgomery, and the prisoner Oswald. Oswald was handcuffed to Detective Leavelle.

When the elevator was loaded, I was the last person to enter the elevator. When we reached the basement, I was the first person off. About the time we got off the elevator, Captain Fritz was behind me, and he told me I would have to ride in the second car because we could only get five in the first car which contained the prisoner. He motioned for me to lead out. We went out the door on the East side of the jail desk.

When I walked out into the driveway, I found that press photographers and news media were surrounding the area. Strong flood lights were focused in the direction of the jail office. They were blinding. These lights were located at the Northeast corner of the area of the opening leading from the jail office.

The vehicle in which the prisoner was to be loaded was attempting to back into the opening in front of the jail office where unruly prisoners are generally unloaded. I immediately moved forward toward the east side and on the south edge of this crowd, moving the crowd of photographers and newsmen backward. These people were blocking the vehicle's movement, being in between the vehicle and the prisoner. I had both arms out stretched and was able to contain these people in a fairly wide area. I was facing east with my back to the prisoner. To my left I could see that everything was clear nearly to the flood lights. There was about two officers to my left along the drive way. However, the news media were standing about three deep.

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December 12, 1963

Subject: Interview of Reserve Officer
Patrolman Donald Suits

Sir:

On November 30, 1963, Reserve Officer Patrolman Donald Suits was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

After having read his original report, Mr. Suits stated that there is nothing of significance which he could add to this first report.

Mr. Suits further states that at the time of this interview he had not been contacted by any federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

FTC:mw

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Garry
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Garry, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:00 A. M.
2. I reported to Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to the Assembly Room and I remained in the Assembly Room until Sgt. P. T. Dean and another Sergeant came in and requested that all Reserve Officers that were not assigned to report to the basement and help strike it down.

We started at the north wall and searched the air conditioning ducts, cars and all places where a weapon could be concealed. After the search, several of the officers were given traffic assignments, and the rest of us remained in the basement for further assignments. As we were waiting I noticed that each person that came in through the ramps were being checked for "Press Pass" or Police I.D.

Dallas Police Reserve Patrolman W. J. Newman was assigned to the lower south end of the ramp, and Sgt. Dean requested that a man guard the south basement employee entrance, and I assigned Patrolman Newman to this door and took his place at the ramp. I noticed the regular officers were checking each person as they came in.

4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:

Reserve Lt. Van McCoy, Lt. H. M. Kriss, Sgt. K. H. Croy, Reserve Captain C. C. Arnett.

5. Did you know Ruby? No.
6. When and under what circumstances did you see Ruby?

I did not see Ruby at all except for a momentary glance. The other officer in the immediate area was standing there trying to seal off the south area after the shot.

Signed: 

Donald Suitts

December 12, 1963

Inspector J. H. Sawyer talked to Deputy Chief L. M. Stevenson and received the following statement:

"I arrived in the basement of the City Hall on November 24, 1963, about 3 to 5 minutes prior to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. I was standing on the West side of the middle ramp near the West wall and at the front door on the righthand side of Dharity's car.

I did not know Jack Ruby prior to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald and I did not see him in the basement until after he was arrested.

I saw Captain Fritz emerging from the jail corridor at which time I directed my attention to watching the crowd in the basement area.

I heard a shot but I did not see the "P.F..."


J. H. Sawyer
Inspector of Police

JHS:aw

December 12, 1963

Inspector J. M. Sawyer talked to Deputy Chief R. M. Stevenson and received the following statement:

"I arrived in the basement of the City Hall on November 24, 1963, about 3 to 5 minutes prior to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. I was standing on the West side of the middle ramp near the West wall and at the front door on the righthand side of Dinkley's car.

I did not know John Ruby prior to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald and I did not see him in the basement until after he was arrested.

I saw Captain Fritz emerging from the jail corridor at which time I directed my attention to watching the crowd in the basement area.

I heard a shot but I did not see the shooter."


J. M. Sawyer
Inspector of Police

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. L. Curry
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Location of Detective Ivan R. Stephens
at the time of the shooting of
Tawald, November 24, 1963.

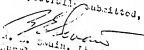
Sir:

The following is a report submitted by Detective Ivan R. Stephens
regarding his activities on November 24, 1963 at the time of the
incident at the basement.

I went about 11:15 A.M. on November 24, 1963, to the basement which entered me
to the basement of the City Hall to aid in the transfer of the prisoner,
Tawald, to the County Jail. I went to the basement and
down the lobby in front of the City Hall when the homicide
officer would down on the inside jail officer and started to
go down the stairs that leads to the basement of the City Hall over the
basement of the City Hall. I was behind the prisoner, that were taking pictures
through the back of the jail, and I remained behind those
persons in order to keep out of unauthorized persons
and I went to go in behind the prisoner through the lobby.

I heard the shot and heard someone cry that the prisoner had been shot.
I was not by the scene and was about forty feet from where the prisoner
was shot. I saw the officer who was attempting to carry a man inside of the jail office
and saw the officer who had shot the prisoner. I attempted
to get those men out of the prisoner inside the office. As soon as the
officer was released, I walked over where the prisoner was lying on the floor,
I was a short while in his left side as he was lying on the floor.
I was not of consciousness at the time and did not hear the doctor and called and
heard him on him when the ambulance came for him. I returned to the
basement floor for further assignment.

Respectfully submitted,


J. L. Curry, Lieutenant
Surgery and Shift Bureau

December 3, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
Interview of I. R. Stephens

Sir:

I. R. Stephens was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and P. G. McCaghren at 3:30 pm on December 2, 1963. This interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. I. R. Stephens had this to add:

I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby and I have seen him before, but I doubt if I would recognize him. I didn't see him in the crowd in the basement of the City Hall. I have no idea how he got into the basement. I was down stairs approximately 5 or 10 minutes before Oswald was brought down, and nobody came by my post while I was there.

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

P. G. McCaghren
P. G. McCaghren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Sergeant
D. F. Steele
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 I was acting area commander of the Oak Cliff Sub-station. At 9:15 A.M., accompanied by Reserve Officer J. F. Harrison, I reported to Lt. R. S. Pierce at the Central Station. I was instructed by Lt. Pierce to stand by in the Patrol office for assignment.

At 9:30 A.M., I accompanied Captain C.E. Talbert to the first floor exit onto Commerce Street. Captain Talbert instructed me to get a man and check the roof of the building across Commerce Street from the vehicular exit of City Hall. This area was checked and was secure. Upon completion of this assignment I secured five reserve officers and assigned them to move all by-standers from the North side of the 2000 block of Commerce. After this assignment I placed 2 reserve officers at Commerce and Pearl and 2 at Commerce and Harwood to stop all pedestrian traffic on the North side of Commerce Street. In addition I placed a reserve officer at the Commerce Street entrance to City Hall to restrict exits onto Commerce St.

Upon completion of these assignments I assisted Sgt. J. A. Putnam and P.T. Dean in assigning officers to traffic corners on Elm Street.

At 11:00 A.M., Captain C.E. Talbert instructed me to report to the traffic command post at Elm and Houston to secure 3 traffic men to complete the coverage of all intersections on Elm Street.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Steele
Sergeant of Police
Patrol Division

DPS/eh

November 29, 1963

STATEMENT OF D. F. STEELE:

I left the City Hall at 11:00 a.m. for an assignment at Elm and Houston and did not return to the City Hall prior to the shooting.

I know Jack Ruby but I did not see him in or near the City Hall at this time.

December 18, 1963

Mr. J. B. Gentry
Chief of Police

Subject: Interview of Johnnie Smith - WMAP-TV
22 Shadowbrook
Hurst, Texas
D02-2726 - AM-3484
December 17, 1963

Sir:

Mr. Smith is a video engineer for WMAP-TV and came to Dallas early Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, with other personnel from WMAP-TV. He was in the mobile truck parked on Commerce Street, approximately one car length, West of Commerce Street exit.

About 8:00 a.m. Mr. Smith got out of the mobile unit truck and walked toward the back of the truck to the video camera truck. He was about 100 feet from the truck. He was standing on a patch looking toward the camera. Third floor of City Hall, where Chief Gentry's office is located. Mr. Smith went back to the mobile truck and about 8:30 a.m. his name was called up to back. Smith said "I was here, brought camera down yet?" and Smith said "Yes". Mr. Smith said he believed he saw this man was again at approximately 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. standing with a group of people approximately 10 feet East of Commerce Street ramp on the sidewalk.

Mr. Smith says he recognized this man later as Jack Ruby from a picture that he saw in a Dallas paper, where Ruby was wearing a hat. He thinks this was a Sunday paper. Mr. Smith said he could not recognize Ruby from the mug shot showed him by F.B.I. agent.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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AFFIDAVIT IN ANY FACT

11-24-63

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME,

a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared.

Who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

I was on the ramp when the
Truck was backed in to take the
prisoner to the Co Jail. I was accompany-
by Ch. Batchelor. The City Sheriff opened
the rear door of truck and a rifle
battle fell out & broke. Chief Batchelor
I searched the truck completely, found
one Cape battle & planned seating
arrangements in truck. We had fire
finished and I was still facing truck
out side to see if all officers were in the
place when I heard one shot. I immedi-
looked around & saw a scuffle. I was then
aware that the prisoner was being brought
out at that time. I immediately ran
to the back of assistance, several officers
knew Ruby down & were handcuffing him.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DAY OF DECEMBER, 1963.

Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

L. U. S. Smart

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. D. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

I should like to submit the following report regarding the incident occurring in the basement on November 24, 1963.

I was on the trip when the truck was backed in to take the prisoner to the County Jail. I was accompanied by Chief Batchelor. The Deputy Sheriff opened the rear doors of the truck and a coke bottle fell out and broke. Chief Batchelor and I searched the truck completely, found one coke bottle, and planned seating arrangement in the truck.

We had just finished and I was still facing the truck and outside to see if all officers were in their place when I heard one shot. Immediately I looked around and saw a scuffle. I was not aware that the prisoner was being brought out at that time.

I immediately ran down to try to be of assistance. Several officers had Ruby down and were handcuffing him.

Respectfully submitted,

V. S. Smart
Lieutenant
Criminal Investigation Division

December 1, 1963

STATEMENT OF LT. V. D. SMITH:

I do not know Jack Ruby.

After the shooting, I saw him at the elevator. I do not recall ever having seen him before.

December 1, 1963

STATEMENT OF JERRY D. SLOCUM:

I was on duty in the Jail Office when Oswald was shot.

I did not see the shooting because my view was blocked by officers and camera men.

I do not know Ruby, but I saw him after the shooting. I do not recall having seen this man around the City Hall before.

Mr. J. D. Curry
Chief of Police

November 27, 1963

Subject: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Sunday November 24, 1963, I was assigned to down stairs Jail Office by St. Higgins. I had instructions to stay by the phone and to advise the dispatcher when Oswald had been loaded into arrest car and was in route to County Jail.

I did not know Jack Ruby personally nor would I have known him if I had seen him, but I have heard his name before as owning a night club.

I did not see the shooting, but I was looking out glass in door to cell when he was loaded into arrest car. There was a shot and a scuffle and the man said Oswald was shot and to call a doctor. I then called dispatcher for a doctor.

I did not see Jack Ruby, in the basement until after the shooting when detectives brought him into Jail Office under arrest.

Respectfully submitted

Willie L. Stuck
Willie L. Stuck #992
Patrolman
Dallas Police Department

December 1, 1963

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM R. BLACK:

I think everything of importance was covered in my report.

December 13, 1963

L. J. E. Gandy
Chief of Police

Subject: Explanation of News Coverage
on Day of Oswald shooting.

This information obtained from Bert Chisep, WFFA-TV.

WFFA - is on the radio and it was WFFA that had a live
coverage in the City Hall building. The WFFA crew did the
live pick-up and was in the room with the Oswald.

WOLD was on the broadcast to do a live pick-up for both
WFFA and WOLD.

WOLD is - Old Station doing the pick-up live which was
not to do with networks on a pool basis.

WFFA - WFFA had actually had live coverage there.
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Respectfully submitted,

F. C. Gandy, Jr., Lieutenant
Surgeon & Chief Bureau

December 16, 1963

Mr. J. M. Perry
Chief of Police

Subject: Jack Ruby

Mr. H. B. Grizzle, Assistant Vice-President, Merchants' State Bank was interviewed Friday, December 13, 1963, regarding Jack Ruby and any bank transactions involving Jack Ruby and any Dallas Police Officers.

A list of officers assigned to the custody of the transfer of the Ruby Guard on November 21, 1963, was furnished to the bank. The loan records of the Grizzle's State Bank failed to reveal Jack Ruby being a co-borrower of any loans to Dallas Police Officers.

Mr. Grizzle was assisted by Mr. Vince Ferris, an employee of the Bank Loan Department. This person revealed that Jack Ruby is not a member and is never known as a member of any loan.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. B. Grizzle
H. B. Grizzle, Detective
Special Services Bureau

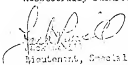
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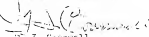
that location. The door was locked and he had to wait approximately 15 minutes before Joe Long of Radio Station KJIF drove up and opened the door. He stated that he remained there for sometime and then went home. At this point he became irrational and advised us that he was not going to discuss it any further. At this point the interview was terminated.

Due to Ruby's emotional state, the undersigned officers made no attempt to take notes during either interview. The foregoing information is to the best of our recollection.

Respectfully submitted,



Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau



F. I. Corbett
Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau



Inspector of Police

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